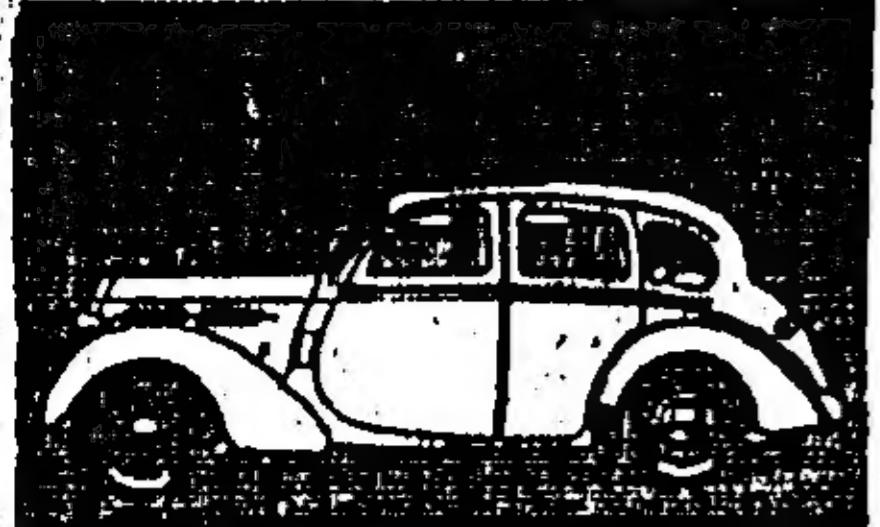


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"THE AXIS MIGHT NOT BEAR THE STRAIN"

## MUSSOLINI TALKS OF DANGER SPOT TO EUROPE'S PEACE

ROME, Mar. 30.

"ITALY DOES not intend to remain a prisoner in the Mediterranean" was Signor Mussolini's only comment on international affairs when speaking to-day at Cosenza Calabria.

LONDON, Mar. 30.  
RELIABLE SOURCES here state that the British Government has received reports of new German troop movements in the vicinity of the Polish frontier.

It is not certain whether these reports were discussed at to-day's Cabinet meeting. However, the Polish Minister visited the British Foreign Office this afternoon.

It is understood that the announcement regarding the increase in British army strength is coincident with new proposals to Poland for military co-operation against German aggression.

To-day's Cabinet meeting was an emergency session to consider the situation.

Poland's Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck is due on an official visit to London on Monday next, and it is believed that he will discuss a firm military understanding with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

Diplomatic circles here interpret the increased military strength as an admittance to Germany and an implication of assurance to Poland.—United Press.

### Italian Mobilisation

ROME, Mar. 30.  
Italy has called a quarter of a million of reservists to the colours.

### Tension Won't Ease

Washington, Mar. 30.  
It is understood that diplomatic and other information reaching the Government suggests that the tension in Europe is likely to be maintained in the near future.

The Totalitarian States are credited with the intention of forcing upon the democracies "another Munich". The Government therefore hopes to help to secure "peace without surrender" by a decisive relaxation of the Neutrality Act next week.—Reuter.

### Demons

Berlin, Mar. 30.  
Further anti-German demonstrations are reported from Poland.

The German News Agency states that anti-German riots in Upper Silesia have increased in number lately.

It is alleged that Poles marched into a restaurant and molested Germans, knocking one down with chairs, who despite threats, continued to speak in German.—Reuter.

### Labour Call For Guarantees

London, Mar. 30.  
A declaration issued by the Federation of International Labour calls upon the governments of Britain, France, Russia and Poland immediately to enter mutual guarantees for full and unqualified support in the event of further aggressions by Italy and Germany.—Reuter.

### Exaggerated

Berlin, Mar. 30.  
Rumours of German demands and ultimatums to Poland are certainly exaggerated "Reuter" learns from well-informed sources.

That certain suggestions or approaches have been made to Poland are not officially denied, but all talk of Warsaw being asked to subscribe to the anti-Comintern pact appears to be premature.

Even the question of a motor road through the Corridor is not being pressed by Germany, it is stated.

It is understood that Colonel Beck is not expected to leave his train en route to London.—Reuter.

### MEMEL COUP RATIFIED

Kaunas, Mar. 30.—After M. Juzas Uibas, the Lithuanian Foreign Minister had made a short statement, Parliament to-day ratified the Lithuanian-German treaty regarding the cession of Memel.—Reuter.

### Answered By Two Voices

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.

THE GOVERNMENTS of the "Axis" Powers cannot fail to note that two replies have been made instead of one to Signor Mussolini's speech, says the New York "Times".

"M. Daladier broadcast a message he was scheduled to deliver, but another voice spoke unexpectedly across the English Channel.

"There can be no doubt that Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the strength of the territorial army is to be doubled was timed to warn Italy against any resort to force in an attempt to achieve still undefined purposes in the Mediterranean area." — Reuter Special.

## BRITISH AID FOR POLAND

### Assurances Said Given

LONDON, MAR. 31.  
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GUARANTEE OF POLAND'S TER-  
ITORIAL INTEGRITY.

The Polish Foreign Minister will arrive in London on Monday, reputedly to steadfastly insist that any agreement must be backed by a military pact.

Meanwhile it has been authoritatively stated that Germany has made proposals regarding Danzig, although the Foreign Office here has denied such reports.

### CHIEF OF STAFF IN FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 30.  
Viscount Gort, the British Chief of Staff was shown over the stronger sections of the Maginot Line and the interior of the fortifications of Metz this morning.

Viscount Gort closely inspected the ventilation system and the measures taken for protection against a gas attack.—Reuter.

### Jewish Fears

Berlin, Mar. 30.  
The Jews are doing their utmost to leave Danzig, fearful of Germany's plans to occupy the Free State.

Britain's decision to double the territorial army is being regarded as "an anti-German measure," with the "Boersen-Zeitung" stressing that it will not affect the solidity of the Rome-Berlin axis.

The French Premier's Wednesday speech has been ignored.—United Press.

### Franco-Rumanian Trade Pact

Paris, Mar. 30.  
A new commercial agreement between Franco and Rumania is being signed this evening.

Under this, France doubles her purchases of Rumanian petrol and reduces customs duties on Rumania's agricultural products.—Reuter.

He said that Italians at present were more perturbed by the relations between Germany and Poland than by M. Daladier's speech.

Those Italians who were not wholly Fascists, and not wholly in favour of the Rome-Berlin axis, think the danger point for Europe is Poland.

If Germany shows resentment at Warsaw's refusal of its suggestions and her troops march, then many Italians declare that the axis might not bear the strain.—Reuter.

Mussolini Adamant

Cosenza, Mar. 30.  
Signor Mussolini, accompanied by his secretary, Signor Achille Starace, arrived here at dawn to-day.

Signor Mussolini is staying at the Calabria Hotel.

A crowd of 15,000 greeted his train at Paola station with shouts of "Long Live National Spain! Il Duce, founder of the Empire!"

Mussolini and his party halted for only a few minutes at Paola station to enable the local authorities to pay their respects, after which they continued to the town of Delmonte, where Il Duce alighted.

Later a cheering crowd in Victor Square heard what is regarded as a reference to France's attitude. They heard Mussolini, with pounding fist, say, "Pacts or no diplomatic pacts, we will never resign ourselves to remaining prisoners in the Mediterranean."

He said the claim for special concessions regarding the Suez Canal must be satisfied.

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### German Barter With China

### \$10,000,000 Pact Reported Signed

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30.

Informed circles stated that Sino-German relations turned favourable in recent weeks on conclusion of a barter agreement whereby China and Germany are exchanging goods valued at 10 million yuan for special materials and manufactured products.

These circles said that Herr Von Loghow, a German serving as adviser to the Ministry of Communications, played an active role in improving Sino-German relations, particularly economic. They said Von Loghow made a brief trip to Berlin from Chungking by air and returned early in March in connection with the barter deal.—United Press.

HONOLULU, Mar. 30.—The California Clipper arrived here on her maiden trip to Hongkong. She was greeted by cheering crowds.—Reuter.



THE MOTORSHIP TULAGI taking to the water yesterday at the Hongkong & Whampoa Docks. The ship was built for Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. for their South Sea Island trade. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. A. Corrigan, wife of Messrs. Burns Philp's superintendent in Hongkong.—Staff Photographer.

### THE SEA DRAGON

## Search For Sea Dragon

### U.S. Navy Asked To Assist

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30.

FEARS ARE now entertained that the Hongkong trans-Pacific junk "Sea Dragon" has foundered in mid-ocean.

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### Severe Storms

Severe storms have swept this area during the past week.

The junk left Hongkong on March 4 with a crew of 12 people aboard.

Owed by Mr. Richard Halliburton, the famous author who was also aboard, the "Sea Dragon" is under the command of Captain John Welch, an expert navigator.

The last message from the radio operator, Gordon Petrich, indicated that heavy weather was being encountered.

Among the crew are Henry von Fehren, R. Davis, Paul Mooney, George Bustow, Robert Chase, Patrick Kelly, James Sleigh and A. D. Flings.—United Press.

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Plans Surrendered

St. Jean de Luz, Mar. 30.

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(Continued on Page 4.)

### Canada Plans A \$1,000,000 Base

TORONTO, Mar. 30.

CANADA'S current defence estimates are the highest since the great war, totalling £12,500,000.

The air estimate is more than doubled at £6,000,000. Eighty-three warplanes are to be added to the Royal Canadian Air Force, and new air bases constructed on both the Pacific coast and in the St. Lawrence River zone.

The Canadian Navy is to be increased to four destroyers in the Pacific and two in the Atlantic.

A million pounds will be spent on improving the naval base at Esquimalt, British Columbia.

### WAR AFTERMATH

## MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID

### British Warship Takes Off Italians

MADRID, Mar. 30.

THE NEWLY appointed Military Governor Espinosa de los Monteros to-day declared martial law, thereby placing Madrid under the same administration as the remainder of Nationalist Spain.

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## Austin '7' Dies —An '8' Is Born

"The 'seven' is dead, long live the 'eight,'" cried excited motor traders when they were shown for the first time a new Austin car at the works of the company in Birmingham recently.

An event of international importance is the replacement of the Austin "Seven," first and most famous of the "baby" cars, by an entirely new "eight."

Overshadowing the much-boosted "German People's car," the new Austin was wheeled into the German Motor Show in Berlin recently.

This new Austin, the best-looking small car yet seen, is to be sold at a competitive price. The two-door four-seater saloon is £125, and there are open tourer and four-door saloon models.

The new car has a four-cylinder side-valve engine rated at 7.99 h.p.—annual tax £6. The chassis is of a new type with orthodox springing, a four-speed gear-box with synchronesh on second, third and top. Girling brakes and an all-steel body.

Frontal appearance is new and distinctive, the radiator mascot serving the unusual purpose of forming the single bonnet catch. The steering wheel is spring-spoked. The rear open luggage compartment is really roomy.

The car holds the road and steers as well as any small car ever driven, and comfort, even for back-seat passengers, is excellent. Even the lights are better than average.

Maximum speed is 60 m.p.h., with really good top-gear pulling on hills. When cruising at 40 m.p.h., close on 50 miles to the gallon of petrol has been obtained. The brakes are marvelous.

## Non-Stop Operation On Baby

Special apparatus fitted to a cot in the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond-street, W.C., is performing a continuous operation on a three-week-old baby.

All the time, while the baby is sleeping, or being fed, an injection is being made in a leg vein.

The child, a girl, weighed only three pounds at birth and measured only 12 inches.

Doctors say it is a wonder that she is still alive. This is her daily treatment:

6 a.m.—Fed with half-strength human milk.

8 a.m.—Gently washed with warm olive oil. Given second feed. Then fed regularly every two hours.

6 p.m.—Gently washed with warm olive oil. Her cot is continuously heated.

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Advance guard of General Franco's Spanish Insurgent troops photographed when they reached the French border at Le Perthus, on their victorious march through Catalonia, after conquering Barcelona. Here they raise their arms in the Nationalist salute.

## "NO BAN ON THE LOWER CLASSES"

### But—Well, What Would High Society Say?

YOUTHS of about nineteen who hope one day to be British ambassadors in foreign capitals are now sending in their names to a board of selection, which will meet at the Civil Service Commission's offices in Burlington-gardens, W., on the first Tuesday in May.

Judging from previous years, about fifty names will be received. Almost without exception they will be the names of public schoolboys who have gone on to Oxford or Cambridge.

No council schoolboys, no matter how brilliant, need apply.

It is true that council schoolboys are beating the old school tie in the examinations for nearly every other branch of the Civil Service, but they are not allowed even to reach the examination room where the ambassadors-to-be are going to sit.

#### WASTE OF TIME

"It must be remembered that a diplomat has to mix on equal terms with the highest society. It would be a waste of time for a candidate to be allowed to prepare himself for the written examination if he were obviously of an unsuitable type.

"There is no ban on the lower classes. Rather I would suggest that the reason why public schoolboys at Oxford and Cambridge are most successful is that these schools and universities specialize in preparing for the Diplomatic Service examinations."

Records available for the past nine years show that not a single council schoolboy had a place among the successful candidates, although fifty-three vacancies were filled.

#### MYSTERY BODY

Here is the procedure which safeguards the rigidity of the Foreign Office caste system:

Unlike every other branch of the Civil Service where candidates must first pass a competitive examination and then appear before a selection board, candidates for the Foreign Office, must satisfy the selection board before they may sit for the examination.

The board of selection is a mysterious body.

It consists of about six members. One or two may be Civil Service Commissioners. The rest are "high officials" in the Foreign Office.

All are bent on making certain that the breeding of Britain's diplomats shall follow the hallowed traditions and not be changed by the introduction of less expensively educated pedigrees.

The questions they ask candidates are never revealed.

In the Indian Civil Service test a Nottingham high school boy, then at Cambridge, was top; a Southend-on-Sea high school boy was second.

In the Consular Service examination—no consul can normally rise to an ambassadorship—another secondary school scholar beat scores of public schoolboys.

That was last year. In 1937

Rugby, Harrow, Eton and Winchester, with the help of two other big

## SOS for Lifeboat

Rossare, Co. Wexford. Two airmen, Lt. Higgins and Lt. Quinlan, had narrow escapes when an Irish Air Force seaplane in which they were flying from Southampton to Baldonnel aerodrome, Dublin, came down in the sea near here recently. Two planes were flying in formation, and when off Curnesore Point one of them developed engine trouble.

There was a strong south-east wind and a rough sea, but Lt. Higgins brought the craft safely down.

The other machine circled around, but the sea was too rough for her to attempt rescue. She sent out a wireless S.O.S. for assistance and flew on. Coast watchers telephoned Rossare Harbour, and the Rossare lifeboat put out.

#### IDEALLY FITTED FOR POST

In the meantime the plane was swept towards the shore at Ballytrent.

Crowds on the beach saw the plane turn broadside in the surf. Waves damaged its starboard wing.

The two officers donned lifebelts, got ready to jump, but succeeded in sending a line ashore with which men on the beach pulled the plane clear of the surf.

When the lifeboat reached the scene the officers sent a Morse message stating that they were out of danger.

They did all they could to safeguard the plane before abandoning it. Troops were summoned from Baldonnel to dismantle it.

Public schools "again" took all the Foreign Office vacancies.

#### MONEY RULE

In 1936 it was once more Winchester, Eton, Rugby and company. Yet in that year boys of working and middle-class parents swept the board in the examination for the administrative class. Forty appointments were made.

Only one went to a public school boy. For the first time on record Eton, Harrow, Rugby and Winchester all failed to win a single place. Charterhouse was alone represented.

Only one important concession to democracy has been made by the Foreign Office this century.

In 1914 the rule requiring every member of the Diplomatic Service to guarantee a private income of £400 a year was abolished.

Another change is interesting—Eton is falling behind as the foremost nursery for diplomats. Of the eighteen ambassadors serving two years ago, thirteen were Old Etonians. But in recent years Rugby, Winchester and Charterhouse have become well represented in diplomacy.

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P'APPLES, CRUSHED	D. MONTE'S	20 "
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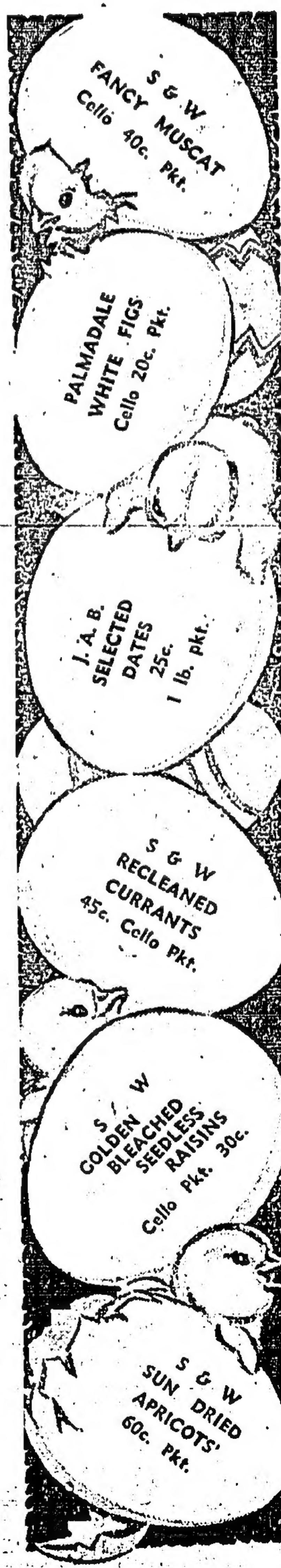
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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The turnover on to-day's trading showed an increase on that of yesterday's. Banks changed hands at \$1,370, Unions at \$400, Docks at \$105, Lands at \$34. Providents at \$4.00. Prices generally were fairly well maintained, and the market closed with buyers still in evidence.

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- Entertainments \$20
- H.K. Govt. \$1,400 4% prem
- H.K. Milk \$150
- Dairy Farms Rights \$165
- Belles
- H.K. & E. Wines \$115
- H.K. Electric \$202
- Dairy Farms Rights \$154
- Sales
- Hongkong Bank \$100
- Union Assurance \$450
- H.K. Docks \$105
- Providents \$34
- H.K. Lands \$34
- Entertainments \$202
- Dairy Farms ex div. \$214
- Murmann (H.K.) \$7
- Dairy Farms Rights \$154
- Antimokhov, \$32 ex div.
- Atkins \$45
- Renguet Consolidated \$240
- Coca Grove Wines .003
- Constitutions \$34
- Demonstrations \$34
- San Mauricio \$34
- United Parcels \$7 ex div.

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 30.  
New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	8.12/12	8.05/05
July	7.93/03	7.85/65
Oct.	7.00/05	7.58/58
Dec.	7.58/58	7.52/52
Jan.	7.50/50	7.53 N
Mar.	7.67/69	7.01 N
Spot		8.00 N

New York Rubber

	Opening	Closing
May	16.02/05	15.80/87
Sept.	16.03/05	15.87/87
Dec.	16.05/12	15.87/b89a
To-day's Sales	—	1,240 tons.

Chicago Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May	67 1/2/67 1/2	68/68
July	67 1/2/67 1/2	67 1/2/68
Sept.	68 1/2/68	68 1/2/68
Wednesday's Sales	—	3,487,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	Opening	Closing
May	47 1/2/47 1/2	47 1/2/47 1/2
July	49 1/2/49 1/2	49 1/2/49 1/2
Sept.	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2
Oct.	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2

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### SECRET MEETING OF THE CABINET

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that he was unable to announce the length of the Easter adjournment to-day as would normally have been announced.—Reuter.

POLISH SITUATION REVIEWED

London, Mar. 30.  
"Reuter's" Lobby correspondent writes to-day that the Cabinet meeting specially reviewed information relating to Poland.

It is gathered that the information did not prove altogether conclusive, and it is hoped that the visit of Colonel Beck may serve to clarify the position.

At the same time, the Ministers were known to be unanimous and determined on an anti-aggression declaration.

Any delay in its issue, can be taken as being due particularly to the close consultations with France which are necessary before the final draft can be issued.

An important statement is expected to be made in the House of Commons to-morrow morning.

Meanwhile the absence of any Opposition query after questions to-day gave no measure of the hardening Parliamentary opinion which was apparent to-night.

All parties wish the Government to make its declaration as soon as possible, and none desires to hamper the preparatory task.

The building of a motor road through the Corridor would be difficult and expensive, and would give excellent opportunities for smuggling, it is suggested.

With Herr Hitler in Bavaria, Dr. Goebbels and Rhodes, Field-Marshal Goering in Italy, and Herr Funk busy with the Reichsbahn, no important Cabinet meetings or secret councils are likely to be held here.

The papers continue to give no clue to official opinion on the Government's intentions with regard to Poland.—Reuter.

HOCKEY MATCH  
Caer Clarke Match Won  
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The "Y" Ladies secured an overwhelming victory over St. Andrew's in a Caer Clarke hockey encounter, at King's Park, yesterday, by six goals to two. The Saints were pressed from the start, and their opponents netted five goals in quick succession before interval.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:  
STOCKS: February farm equipment exports were 41 per cent. under those for the corresponding month of last year.

An agreement between France and Rumania for doubling oil imports and reducing French agricultural tariffs has been initiated.

Swiss francs declined on nervousness, resulting in the removal of gold from the banks near the German border.

Herr Hitler has empowered the Minister of Economics to prohibit exports and imports of any type of goods. The President of the Reichsbank has urged the resumption of German, British and French trade talks.

Barron's index has advanced slightly. Sears, Roebuck's March building awards were 40 per cent. over the same month of last year.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938

Sperry Corporation Yr. 31/12 \$2.46

American Rolling Mill Yr. 31/12 \$1,300,000 LOSS

The United Fruit Corporation's first-quarter earnings are approximately the same as the corresponding quarter of 1938.

COTTON: The Senators from the cotton-growing States are ignoring President Roosevelt's request for export subsidy and favour the plan to subsidize the domestic market.

GRAINS: The wheat market was firm on war threat. South Africa expects a record corn crop.

LONDON AVERAGES: MARCH 29 MARCH 30

Industrial average 96.2 96.2

Rolls average 54.0 55.2

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

### MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID

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one sector alone 10,000 were counted. Enormous quantities of war materials had been taken over by General Franco's forces.—Reuter.

### ITALIANS SUCCEDED

London, Mar. 30.  
One hundred and sixty Italians, former prisoners of the Republicans, were taken by the British cruiser H.M.S. Sussex to Palma to-day.

Two other British cruisers took aboard 50 political refugees on Wednesday and another 100 to-day. They are being taken to Gauda. These political refugees were Republicans who fled for political reasons.

Negotiations are now under way regarding the return of 70 British prisoners in the hands of the Nationalists.—Trans-Ocean.

Reprisals?

Madrid, Mar. 30.  
A decree has been issued ordering public employees in the Madrid province, soldiers who served with the Republic, and persons having knowledge of crimes committed during the Republic regime, to report to the authorities.—Reuter Special.

VALENCIA ENTERED

VALENCIA, Mar. 30.  
Spanish Nationalist troops entered the city at 11 a.m. to-day.

Their Commander, Colonel Aranda, held a full hour's parade from the balcony of the Town Hall while senior officers, clad in vivid regional costumes and lace mantillas, tossed flowers on the Town Hall steps.—United Press.

U.S. INVESTIGATIONS

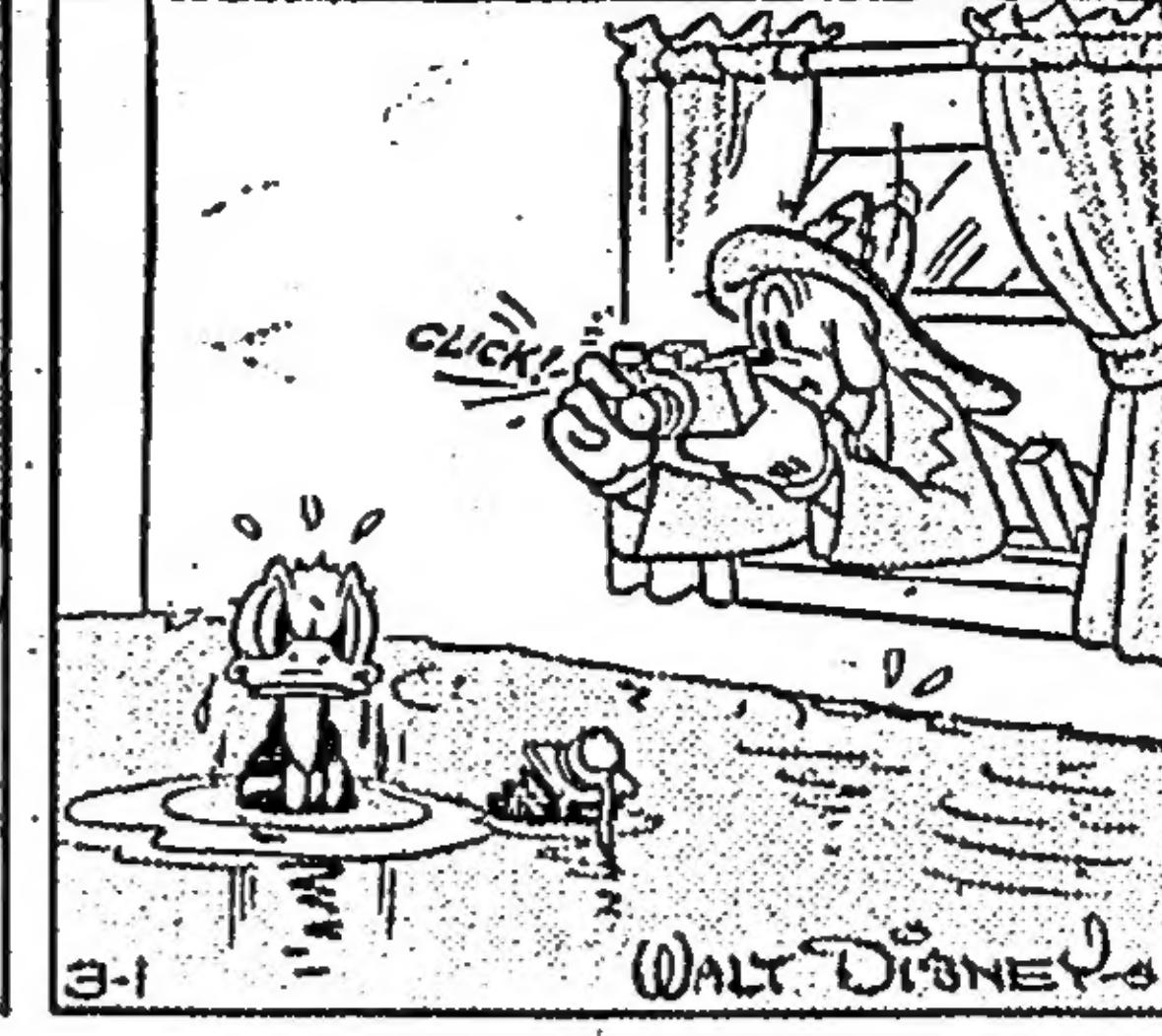
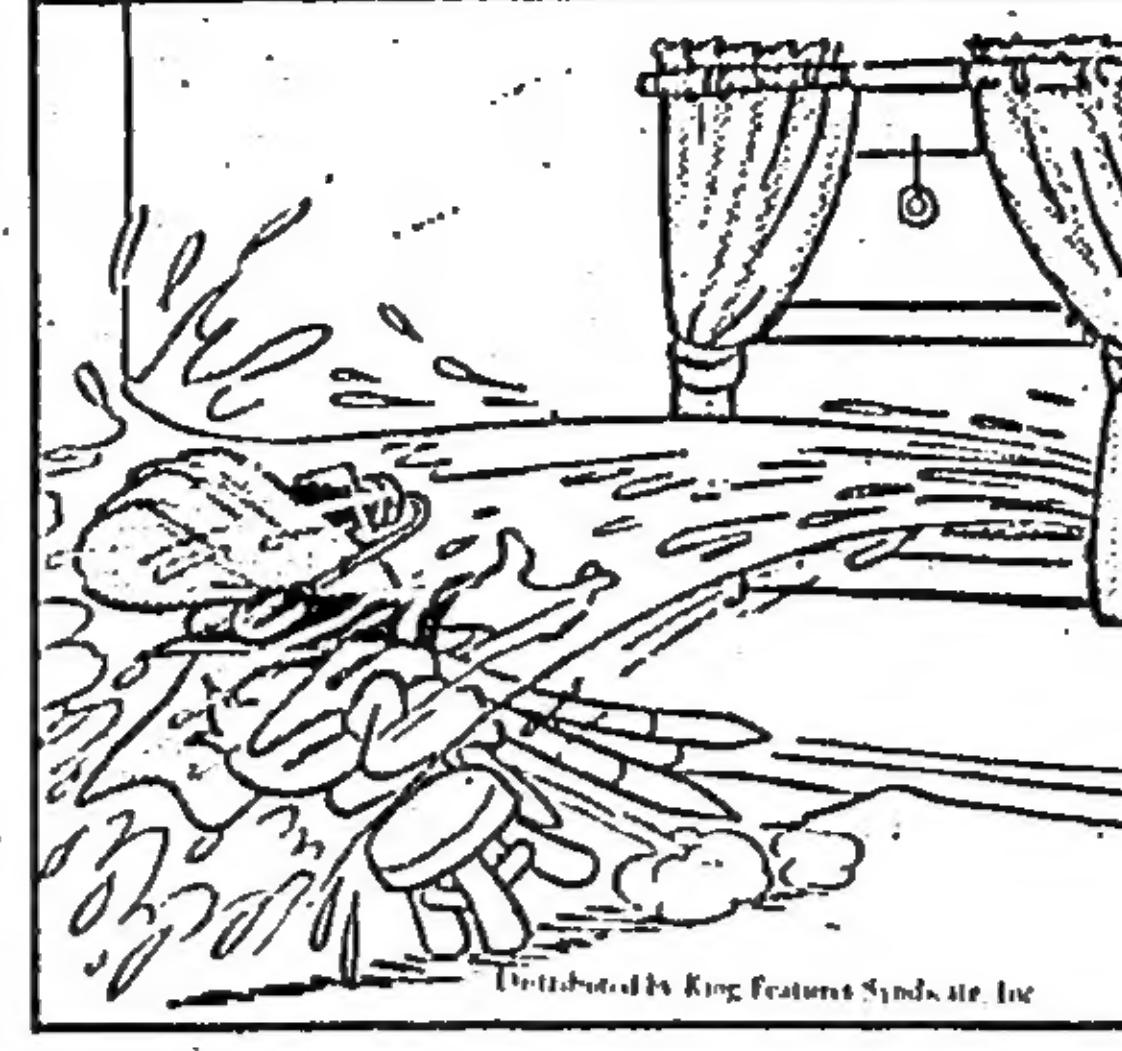
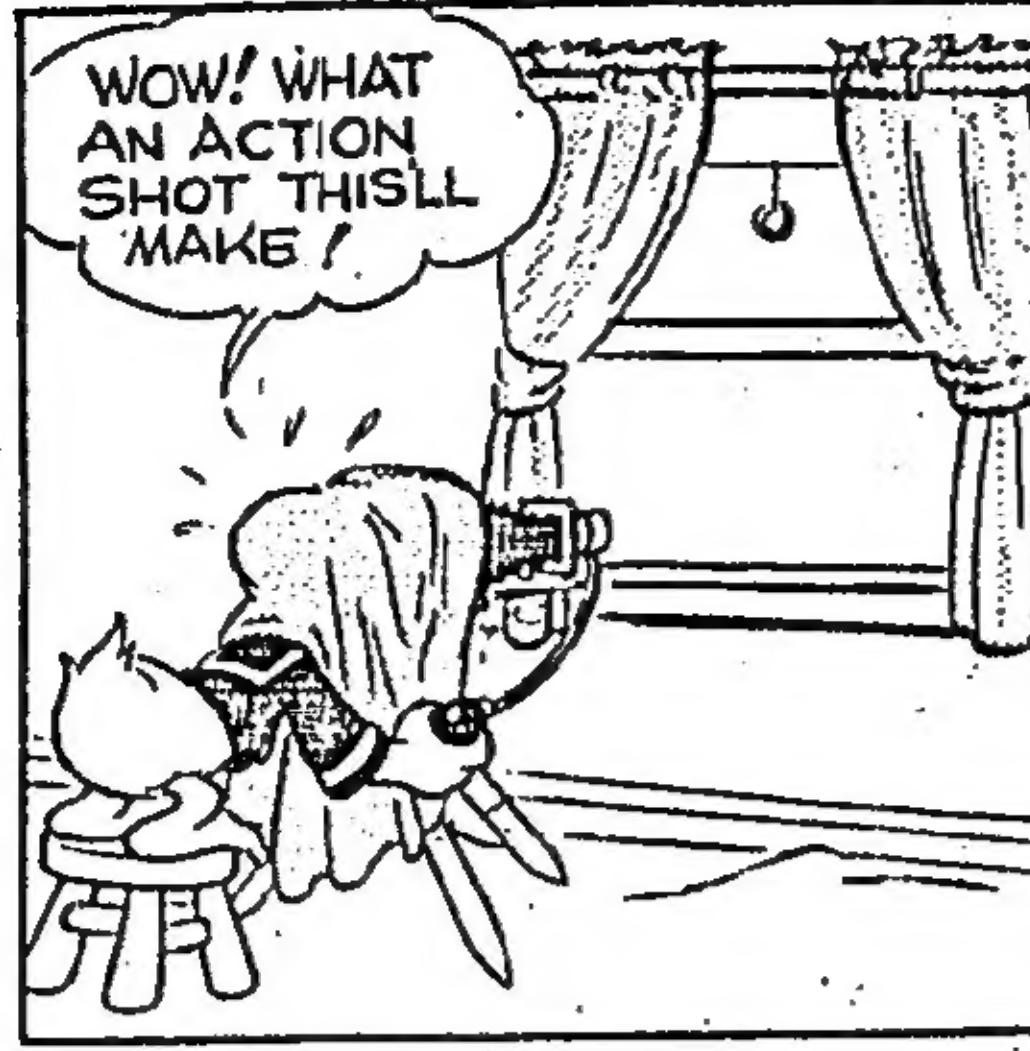
Washington, Mar. 30.  
The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has

### Fighting Continues In Slovakia

(Continued from Page 1.)

BUCHAREST, Mar. 30.  
Hungarian and Slovak forces today continued desultory fighting in east Slovakia.—United Press.

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## AIR RAID WARDENS

## Progress Of The District Sub-Committees

The following report on the progress made by the Air Raid Wardens' District Sub-Committees, Hongkong has been issued:

Convenor, Mr. H. W. Leyden. The Western Division has been subdivided into districts. Mr. Leyden has been well in hand, although he reports that he is somewhat disappointed at the lack of Chinese co-operation. Sites for Posts are being inspected by Mr. Leyden himself.

Central Division (A); Convenor, Mr. Lau Kung-tsing. Several meetings have been held; 17 Posts were selected after the landlords or tenants had been interviewed and permission obtained to use the premises in case of emergency. These locations have been submitted to A.R.P.O. for inspection—report awaited. Further, Mr. Lau Kung-tsing has submitted a list of 50 Chinese ladies and gentlemen willing to be trained to serve as Wardens, and classes are being arranged.

Central Division (B); Convenor, Mr. C. Champion. This district consists mainly of office blocks and the Hongkong Land Investment Co., and other owners are being consulted as to what arrangements they are themselves making.

Central Division (C); Convenor, Mr. Ng Wah. At the first meeting of this Sub-committee members were under the misapprehension that their function was to find shelters for all the population in the district, and lists were prepared of suitable buildings. These lists will be useful for the choosing of Posts.

Central Division (D); Convenor, Mr. Wong Kuh-tsui. A list showing the approximate sites for 10 Posts was submitted. Such a list is of no assistance; what is required is that members of Sub-committees go round their district, pick out suitable rooms for Wardens Posts, obtain the sanction of either tenants or landlords, and submit the lists to the Main Committee, after which the sites will be inspected by the A.R.P.O.'s architect.

Eastern Division (E); Convenor, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan. Four Posts were considered necessary for this district—some were chosen and submitted to the A.R.P.O. for inspection—report awaited.

Eastern Division (F); Convenor, Mr. Woo Hang-kam. Sub-divided into 3 sections each in charge of a member of the Sub-committee. Approximate sites were chosen on the map for 20 Posts, and are being inspected by members of the Sub-committee regarding their suitability. Mr. Woo advised the Chairman of the Main Committee that he had 34 volunteers for training as Wardens, and the principal of the Sun Mid Middle School had offered the use of the school premises for lectures. A course is being arranged.

Eastern Division (G); Convenor, Mr. Tse Yu-chuen. This Sub-committee has been formed, but no reports of any meetings or other activities.

The following are reports from Kowloon areas:

Kowloon Tong. At a meeting held on January 31, five posts were chosen. These locations were submitted to the A.R.P.O. for inspection—report awaited. Unfortunately the Convenor of this Sub-committee, Mrs. J. M. Jack, has had to resign on account of ill health. Additional members for this Sub-committee are now being sought.

Kowloon City; Convenor Mr. C. R. Basco. Members of this Sub-committee are proceeding with the inspection of about 60 ground floor premises to be used as Posts, and are obtaining sanction of owners or tenants for use of same.

Mongkok; Convenor, Mr. F. E. d'Almada Remedios. Two Posts have been chosen, and 11 prospects have been offered their services for training. The Convenor offered his residence (No. 6, Peace Avenue) as a lecture hall. Kalfongs of the Mongkok district have cooperated with this Sub-committee, and practically all are attending the classes at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. A lack of support of residents on the South side of Prince Edward Road is to be regretted.

Tsim Sha Tsui (East); Convenor, Mr. Eddie de Souza. This district has been divided into 3 sections for A.R.P. purposes, each in charge of a member of the Sub-committee. An original member of this committee (Miss W. Robinson) resigned on leaving the district, and has not yet been replaced. Eight Posts have been selected and are being investigated, some by the Sub-committee members and three by the A.R.P.O.

Tsim Sha Tsui (West); Convenor, Mr. Wong Tong-keung. Sub-committee has been formed, but no reports of any meetings have yet been received by the Main Committee.

Yau Ma Tei (East); Convenor, Mr. A. da Figueiredo. Minutes of one meeting have reached the Main Committee, at which two members were appointed to select suitable sites for Posts. Their report is awaited.

Yau Ma Tei (West); Convenor Mr. Wong Pak-ku. This district has been divided up into 4 large sections; and Sanitary Inspector Sinton had plotted on the map suitable sites for Posts which the Sub-committee members are now investigating—section by section.

Sham Shui Po; Convenor, Mr. Wong Pak-ku. No reports have been received of the activities of this Sub-committee.

Hung Hom; Convenor, Mr. Wong Kwon-plung. A list of all streets in this district has been drawn up giving estimates of the population. Ten suitable sites have been chosen and submitted to the Chairman of the Main Committee.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1889. It is reported that the Czar is scandalized by the irregular life of his brother, and that he has ordered Grand Duke Vladimir to resign the command of the Guards.

## 25 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1914. Mr. Asquith announced that Sir John French and General Ewart persisted in resigning and His Majesty, the King approved of the speaker (Mr. Asquith) becoming Secretary of War.

The House was unusually dumb-founded by the announcement, and then Ministerialists cheered frantically.

Night club life in London is growing more and more popular among those who can afford it. The Tango and the Maxixe have almost entirely ousted the waltz, and as most of the ladies who frequent the night clubs are professional dancers, at least on the stage, the dancing reaches a very high standard of proficiency.

## 10 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1929. Wholesale executions have taken place in Canton during the past three or four days, according to reports received from "The Telegraph".

It is alleged that close upon 200 people have been shot during the campaign, the victims all described as suspected Communists.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has completed the formation of plans for the attack against Hankow, and a big offensive is to begin to be made almost immediately.

The general opinion is that the Wuhan resistance will collapse within a very short space of time and that the war will soon be over.

## 5 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1934. Another ruthless exploit has to be added to the account of the notorious gangster, John (The Killer) Dillinger, who, hunted by over fifty thousand militiamen and police since he broke out of jail on March 3, was nearly trapped at St. Paul's Minnesota. According to his biographer, women Dillinger was in hiding in a house in the city. The police threw a powerful armed cordon round the area. The three desperadoes shot their way through the cordon, with the use of a machine-gun, and escaped in a motor-car.

The following appointments were gazetted:

Mr. B. D. Walker, M.C., to act as Manager and Chief Engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Mr. C. C. Knight to be a Member of the Harbour Advisory Committee, vice Mr. Allan Cameron, resigned.

The Hon. Mr. W. S. Steenkamp, O.B.E., LL.D., and Rev. Dr. Frank Short as members of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.

Mr. H. B. L. Dovbiggin, O.B.E., to be a Member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.

Mr. C. C. Knight as a member of the Council of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years.

Mr. J. J. Paterson to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council in succession to Mr. B. D. F. Beith.

Commander Frank Elliot, O.B.E., R.N., officially handed HMS Cornflower over to the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve on Saturday morning. The ceremony was most impressive. Commander Elliot, who was succeeded by Commander F. H. E. Skyrne, R.N., Officer Instructor to the Force, and Lieutenant Commander H. S. Rouse, the Commanding Officer of the Volunteers, then inspected the guard of Royal Marines from HMS Cumberland.

"DOOMSDAY BOOK"

Police Denial of Organised Watch on Europeans

The police yesterday issued a denial of the story published a few days ago that they had obtained from an arrested man a list of European residents in Kowloon whom a gang of men was planning to rob. The police state that no such document has come into their possession and that there is no truth in the story.

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## NAVAL VOLUNTEERS

## Commodore On Democracy And Totalitarianism

That if Democracy were to hold its own against Totalitarian States it must borrow from them the ideals of duty and discipline, was the view expressed by Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, O.B.E., D.S.C., at the first dinner of the Minewatching Branch of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, held on board H.M.S. Cornflower last night, at which he was the principal guest.

Comdr. J. Petrie, D.S.C., the Commanding Officer, spoke of the formation and development of the Branch, and said that the response to an appeal for recruits had been immediate.

The occasion was also marked by the presentation of a silver cigarette case to Petty Officer C. Turney, R.N., in appreciation of his services as instructor to the Branch.

Proposing the toast of "Our Guests" Comdr. Petrie said:

"As this is the first dinner of the Minewatching Branch I should like to say a few words about the formation and development of the Branch."

Early in 1937 it became evident that personnel to control the proposed under-water defences of the Colony must be drawn from Volunteers. It seemed desirable to recruit men over 38 and under 55 years of age for a job which, although sedentary, carries a degree of responsibility which cannot be over-estimated.

From July, 1937, onwards plans began to take shape and in 1938 a complete training equipment was received from England. In September, 1938, authority was given to recruit for a Minewatching Branch, H.K.N.V.F.

The response to an appeal for recruits was immediate, and the Branch is almost at full strength in watching or warrant officer personnel. Promotion to commissioned rank will, in most cases, be from warrant rank, and an aspirant to promotion must take the examination approved by the Commodore. I may say at this point that not only did everyone turn up for the recent examination, but the results were very satisfactory.

The importance that the Admiralty attaches to the value of the Branch was shown in a signal from the Admiralty to the Commodore in January, a signal to which the Commodore replied that the organisation was complete, that 80 per cent. of the personnel was recruited, and that preliminary training was well advanced.

Courses in England

Five Home leave Officers proceeding on Home leave this Spring will take courses in England. With six officers in other branches taking courses in other subjects, the total will be a Force record. Government has recognised the importance of these courses by granting additional funds.

We set ourselves a high standard. A certain Flax Lieutenant, who has since risen to high rank, had, during the war, the following text in his cabin: "Work with me and I'll work you to death." While I do not advocate that in peace-time a volunteer be asked either to give up his life, I know that every officer, warrant officer and rating of the Force will work for the Admiralty, and that there has been no substitute for, or alternative to, work.

After the toast had been drunk with acclamation, Commodore Dicken said: "Gone are the days when the Navy was more or less self-contained and could steam off to its war station with the addition only of a few trained reservists.

The recent Great War developed air warfare, submarine warfare, and mining, which has entailed an enormous increase in personnel and material not only to operate them in offence but to put into effect counter measures.

It is obvious that no Navy can maintain in peacetime all this personnel on an active basis, and in consequence an elaborate system has to be worked out in peace time to

train the men in reserve for war.

Q.—How many Boy Scouts are there in Great Britain and Ireland?

A.—According to the report of the Boy Scouts Association, published recently, 460,234, an increase of nearly 17,000 over last year. There are over 2,500,000 Boy Scouts in other parts of the world.

Q.—Which foreign ruler practised dentistry as a hobby?

A.—Peter the Great of Russia. He used to "operate" on members of his Court. The dental instruments he used have just been presented to the State Ethnographical Museum in Leningrad.

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1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Les Alien (Baritone) and Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.

Don't Save Your Smiles (Davis-Coots-Flo Rito); She Came From Afar (Lorraine) with Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends; Medley; Intro; Alone; Poor Little Angeline; Goody Goody... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal Refrain; Musical Comedy Requests; Intro; One Alone ("Desert Song"); Who? ("Sunny"); Indian Love Call ("Rose Marie"); Deep in My Heart (Student Prince); Tea for Two ("No, No, Nanette"); Lover, Come Back to Me ("New Moon"); Come Back to Me ("New Moon"); Les Alien (Baritone) and His Canadian Bachelors with Orchestra; Marjorie Ball (Baritone); My Little Bachelor (Nichols); My Little Buckaroo (from "Strange Laws")... Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with Vocal Refrain.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

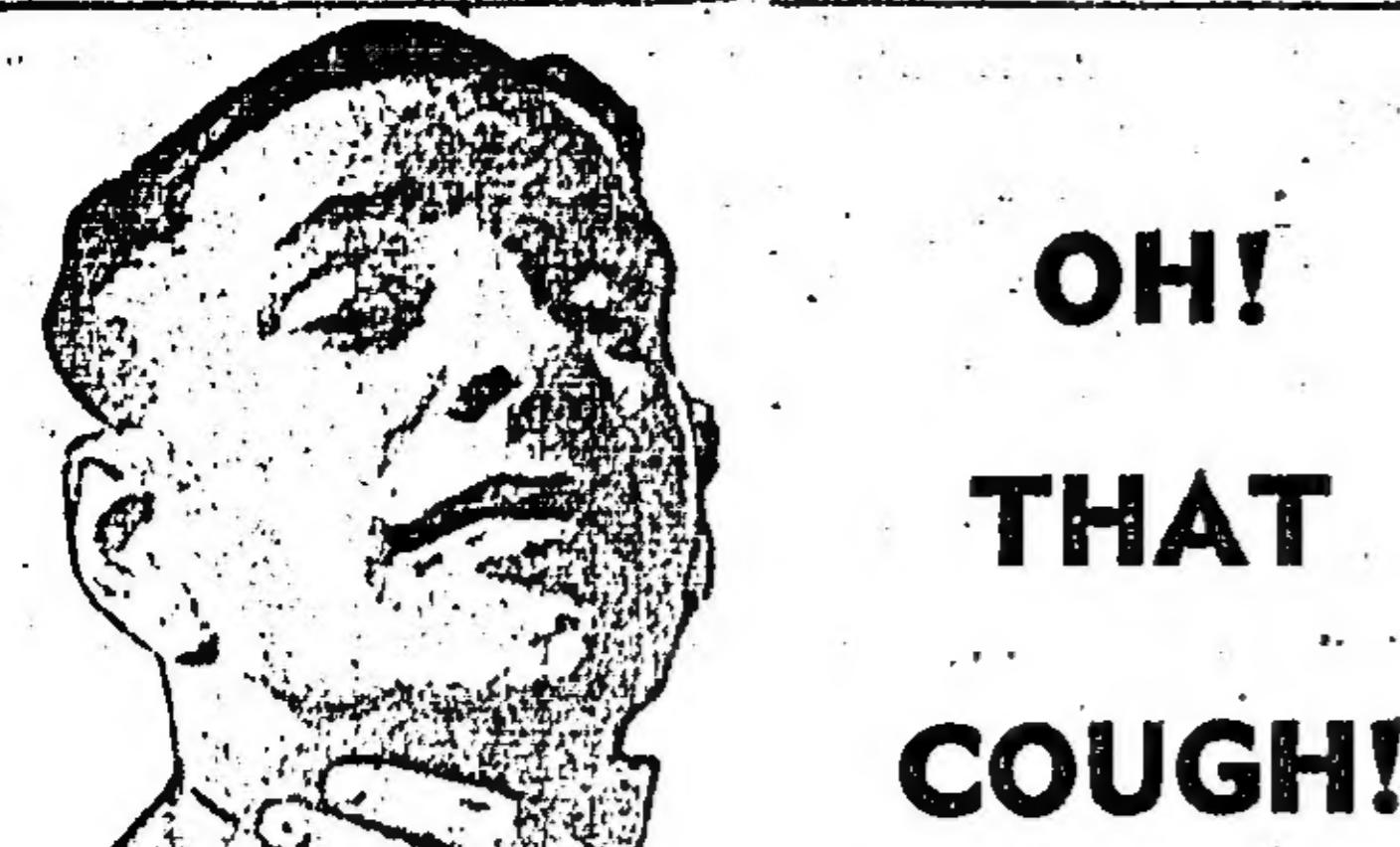
1.40 Studio Concert by Claire Hartle (Violin) and Molly O'Halloran (Piano).

1. Selection "Paganini" (Lefort); 2. Two Dances from Henry VIII (Edward German); 3. Two Ballads: Neapolitan Love Song (Victor Herbert); Simple Little Melody (Strauss).

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**MARRIAGE**

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**The Hongkong Telegraph.**  
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March 31, 1939

**Spain's Last Phase**

THE LAST mighty act of the Spanish drama is over.

The curtain falls on Republican Spain. Almost without the firing of a shot Madrid, Valencia and other great cities have been occupied.

The last three months of war have not disgraced the Republicans. But it has convinced them that their cause, however bravely upheld, had no chance against overwhelming material odds.

To-day, General Franco is Spain's master. He alone can spare Spain further agony—the agony of reprisals.

It is General Franco, too, who can lay to rest the uneasiness that is still felt in Europe regarding his country. He knows that one of the essential preliminaries to confidence is to send his foreign supporters out of the country.

He "intimated to the British Government that he will request the withdrawal of all foreign volunteers... immediately after the war has passed its decisive phase."

He cannot but adjudge that to have arrived now, or to be at hand.

There is no reason for doubting that Italy, General Franco's chief backer, will be unwilling for her legionaries to return home.

When Mr. Chamberlain was in Rome, Signor Mussolini renewed his assurances that Italy had "no territorial or political aims," and desired "no privileged economic position" in Spain.

The Italian auxiliaries can no longer be maintained in war-torn Spain on the plea that France is helping the Republicans.

The whole world will feel relief at the proclamation ending the war that has lasted almost a thousand days.

But it will feel far greater relief when it knows that Italy's troops have returned to their own country, and Spain is again her own master.

So long as the Italians now remain there will be danger to the peace of western Europe.

Neither Britain nor France can allow them to remain.

**The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World**

**But what if the Cradle is Empty?**

Britain's cradles have been getting more and more empty for the past 60 years. And no one is able to give a satisfactory explanation for this fact or devise a practical solution.

YOUNG men and women, of course, still look yearningly into each other's eyes, hold hands, fall in love, get married—but the cradle industry continues to sink deeper and deeper into its slump.

Families of one or two children are the average, and the normal seven or eight of Victorian days is looked upon as unusual.

Yet all the time the business of being a mother is being made both safer and easier for women, and a thousand times less painful than a century ago, when the patriotic mammals of Britain were automatically replacing the population every year.

When I think of the beautiful and childless young wife who told me the other day that "Having a baby is such a bore!" I am apt to blame her attitude.

But the real blame belongs to a mysterious biological phenomenon which has swept across Europe (carefully avoiding Russia) like Pied Piper with all the storks behind him—a phenomenon only partially connected with what is euphemistically called Birth Control, but is more accurately prevention.

Now Britain is going to add this problem to all the other problems which it still has left to solve.

THEY are faced with the fact that by 1976 the population of Great Britain will—if the birth-rate stops falling and remains at its present level—have sunk from 45 millions to 33 millions.

"A very good thing too," said a man looking over my shoulder as I wrote the above paragraph. "We're over-populated, and that's why we've got so many unemployed."

Unfortunately it doesn't work out that way at all. I can give you a lot of figures to prove this somewhat obvious fact, but they are rather boring, and what I really want to write about is the way the Government intend to fill the cradles of the nation. They have precedents to work on.

About the only consoling feature of the birth-rate problem is that France, Germany, Italy, and the United States are all in the same boat with us.

Italy and Germany—being what they are—have attempted several ingenious ways of dictating to nature.

Whether you can bully the stork into getting back to its work is a question best answered by seeing what Messrs. Mussolini and Hitler have accomplished.

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Upon which, bachelors were immediately penalised in blunt fashion; their income tax was doubled and the money thus obtained was distributed to deserving mothers.

A sort of Santa Claus atmosphere pervaded the whole marriage association, from the honeymoon and holiday trips to Rome all the way down to pats on the heads for little children at the hands of Fascist dignitaries—and even the Duce himself.

And what happened?

During the first six months of 1935 there were actually 9,000 fewer babies born than during the previous six months!

Puzzle it out for yourself, for you are as likely to be as right as the leading economists and biological experts.

But I confess to thinking that there is something rather whimsical about all the unborn little toddlers cocking a snoot at Mussolini's imperative demands.

WELL, the birthrate in Italy continues to fall; let's cross the Alps and see what Adolph Hitler's baby experts have accomplished.



"And now the Government are going to add this problem to all the other problems which they still have left to solve."

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Germany started her "More Babies—By Order" campaign in this birth-rate business, for children, preached the beauties experiences.

She wanted more children for men born for every 1,000 of the

Italy (and Britain, too) wanted When Hitler came into power

them; to have them ready when there were only 15 babies per

and if colonization begins; and thousand in a year—which is

(unlike Britain) for use in the half a baby more than the pre-

next war to end wars.

sent rate in Britain.

Lovers were encouraged by

600 mark loans to put their mutual affection to practical purpose, more than 150 million marks being set aside each year for this worthy purpose.

The whole business seemed as fool-proof as the Hindenburg Line.

And what happened?

Marriages (the Germans being an obedient race) leaped up 200,000 in two years; births increased by 180,000 in the same period. But the balance is not adjusted, and if the rate does not continue to increase Germany's 66,000,000 will have sunk to well below 50,000,000 by 1976.

France has for so long complained its falling birth-rate that it has become Europe's horrid example.

The French do not take kindly to belabouring propaganda, but they might be encouraged to know that their rate is not falling off half as rapidly as our own in this country where we have dropped from 22 babies per 1,000 of population to 14 since the war.

But now it's going to be our turn to regiment the nursery.

From the Italian and German experiments there emerge for (Continued on Page 11).



"Are you a parent, too, or just an authority?"

## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Making Themselves Ready For Battle

## NEW MOVES BY FOUR NATIONS

Worcester, Mar. 30. Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the gathering at the Army and Navy dinner to-night, said that the United States' rearmament programme was the only means of meeting possible foreign aggression against the United States, its territories or possessions.

"The United States counts upon no allies," he said, "and obviously, this time, upon no system of collective security."

Admiral Leahy assailed foreign organizations in the United States which expressed principles running counter to the system of free government, but said such groups must be allowed to meet within limits. He added that if such activities became clearly subversive, that is if they struck at the very foundations of the government or national defence, then they would have to be eradicated as cancers on the body of politics.—United Press.

### FRENCH ARMY GROWS

Intention to Make Colonies Self-Protective

Paris, Mar. 30. The Minister for Colonies, M. Mandel, announced to-day that the strength of the colonial army had doubled last year and in the future would be able to protect distant possessions from surprise attacks. The defence of the Empire, he said, would continue to improve for the Government intended to make the colonies self-protective.—Reuters Special.

### NORWAY'S DEFENCE

Parliament to be Asked For Increased Vote

Oslo, Mar. 30. The Norwegian Government will, according to informed quarters here, shortly demand the Storting to make an appropriation of 50,000,000 kroner for extraordinary expenses necessitated by the strengthening of national defence.

It is pointed out in the same quarters that although the Premier recently declined to envisage augmentation of the military budget, the growing international tension has led to revision of this attitude, and the Government would therefore request the Storting to vote funds now regarded as indispensable.—Trans-Ocean.

### SOVIET SUBMARINES Brought to Far East By Ship and Train

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Answering questions by foreign correspondents, Rear-Admiral Masao Kanazawa, Chief of the Publicity Department of the Navy Ministry, pointed out to-day that most of the Soviet submarines in the Far East have been constructed in European Russia and brought by railway or steamer to Vladivostok.

Admitting that some of them might have been built at Vladivostok, the spokesman said that despite Press reports, the number of Soviet submarines brought to the Far East by sea must be very small.

A Press message from Singapore recently said that Soviet submarines were observed passing off Singapore en route to Vladivostok from Europe.

The spokesman said that Soviet submarines apparently consisted of two classes, one of 1,200 tons and the other of 600 tons.—Domei.

### Italy

## Il Duce On Tour

Rome, Mar. 30. Signor Mussolini arrived by special train this morning in Calabria in fulfilment of the promise made last autumn to tour this district forming the southern extremity of Italy. He is accompanied by two members of the Cabinet, Count Starace and Signor Aliferi, and his private secretary.

Il Duce will begin his tour at the coastal town of Paola, proceeding first to Belmonte, where he will place a wreath on the grave of Michele Bianchi, the first general secretary of the Fascist Party, and afterwards he will drive to Cosenza, the capital of Calabria.—Trans-Ocean.

### Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? *oppoige*, *misaddress*, *misadeful*, *shandygaf*, *ophothols*, *mislance*. English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 6.

### Spain

## Franco Completes Conquest

Paris, Mar. 30. The Nationalist Spanish fleet which entered Cartagena this morning to take over Spain's main naval base found the biggest battleship, Jamie Peñuelas, half submerged and three partly built submarines rusting in the shipyards.

Motorised troops entered Segundo and took over important blast furnaces to prevent sabotage.

It is officially confirmed that the Nationalists took over Valencia, Almeria, Jaen, Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Guadalajara, but they have still to occupy Alicante and Murcia.

Antonio Mafordu has been designated Governor of Valencia. Civil guards support the administration and an 8 p.m. curfew is in force.—United Press.

### REPUBLICANS FLEE

Valencia, Mar. 30. Valencia was completely in the hands of the Nationalists last evening. The actions in the streets still continue, although they appear to be diminishing.

The Nationalists have now infiltrated a huge circle round Madrid and also a big section of the coastal region around Valencia. They advanced to Murcia and continued south-east towards the coast. It is reliably stated that it will be at least a few days before the Nationalist troops move northward from the Murcia region. They delay in military occupation will leave the port of Alicante, in addition to Gandia, open for the exodus of at least a portion of those wishing to leave.—United Press.

### Republican Refugees

Paris, Mar. 30. General Mijia, former commander-in-chief of the Republican Spanish forces, according to French press reports, arrived yesterday by plane from Valencia to Oran. He arrived unaccompanied and fell asleep immediately because he had not rested the last three days of his flight from Madrid.

Seven more Republican army planes arrived yesterday at the Oran airport with 54 Spanish officers.

General Mijia left Oran for Algiers.—Trans-Ocean.

### Mijia in Tears

Algiers, Mar. 30. General Mijia arrived here in tears. Shipsloads of refugees continue to arrive from Cartagena, but it is doubtful whether they will be allowed to land.—Reuters.

### Britain

## Reaction To Territorial Army Increase

London, Mar. 30. All newspapers give prominence to Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of the doubling of the territorial army, and to M. Daladier's broadcast, and warmly welcome both, with the exception of the Daily Mail which regrets that the Government is clinging to the voluntary system and urges conscription.

The Times declares that the reception to the Prime Minister's announcement showed how truly it reflected the nation's desires.

The Daily Telegraph says that Mr. Chamberlain's momentous announcement has been received with approval as well as relief and no step could be more welcome and timely.

Referring to M. Daladier's statement, The Times says that he spoke like a man sure of himself and his country.

Other editors similarly eulogise M. Daladier's dignified and firm stand and trust that his warning will be heeded by aggressors.—Reuters.

### BRITISH REACTION

London, Mar. 30. The announcement by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons yesterday that the strength of the territorial army would be doubled, has been received with satisfaction by the British public, according to reports published in the press.

The question under general discussion to-day, however, is how the additional 200,000 men required will be recruited if the principle of voluntary enlistment is to be upheld.

The frequently expressed supposition that the doubling of the British territorial army would at once automatically provide the 10 divisions promised to France in case of war and would, in fact, allow this strength to be increased if not actually doubled, is considered in well-informed circles to be erroneous. It is emphasised that these 200,000 new recruits will have to be trained, and that the training of the territorial—in contrast to that of the regular army—is restricted merely to several weeks in the summer, and membership does not imply abandonment of civil occupation.

The Central Council of the territorial army sent a circular telegram last night to all members and associations of the territorial army to ask that recruiting lists should be opened at once. Individual associations are required to site by April 20 what they need in the way of equipment, barracks and supplies for new recruits.

Trade unions, which are triumphant at the final rejection of compulsory military training, have accordingly to press reports, offered their services for the recruiting campaign.

In consequence of increased activity in the armament industries, it is hoped both in trade union and Government circles, to find employ-

### Man in Iron Lung

Miami, Mar. 30. Mrs. Fred Sille, Sen., mother of the "man in the iron lung," Fred Sille Jun., said to-day that she had no knowledge of the reported plans to take her son to Europe in the summer. She said she would know nothing definite until her husband's return from abroad.—United Press.

Sille, son of a millionaire, was stricken with infantile paralysis while on a tour of China in 1937 and was immediately placed in a respirator apparatus.

### Poland

## BRITISH GUARANTEE HINTED

London, Mar. 30. Negotiations between London and Warsaw for the establishment of closer relations between Britain and Poland in connection with certain British guarantees for the integrity of Polish territory are stated in well-informed circles here to have made considerable progress.

Polish quarters affirm that the British Government is prepared to accede to the Polish Government's wishes in respect of exclusion of the Soviet Union from the negotiations for drawing up of a declaration against aggression, and in the same quarters the belief prevails that a complete agreement between London and Warsaw will be reached before the arrival here of the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, on April 4. In this case, it is added, Colonel Beck's negotiations would be concerned in the first place with practical carrying out of the British guarantees.

An important British loan to Poland for the purpose of strengthening Polish armaments is also stated to be under serious consideration and the sum of £20,000,000 is mentioned in this connection.

General Mijia left Oran for Algiers.—Trans-Ocean.

### Mijia in Tears

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## Fresh Claims Presented To Council

Shanghai, Mar. 30. The Chinese Special Municipal Government of Shanghai on Wednesday made a fresh representation to the Shanghai Municipal Council demanding an immediate reply to its representations of March 10.

A copy of the second note was handed to the head of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps.

It is understood that the Chinese Municipal Government regretted that no reply had yet been given by the Municipal Council to the five proposals including control of unlawful elements, restoration of police stations on the Extra Settlement road, reorganisation of the First Special District Court, surrender of the land register, and prohibition of flying of the Chinese flag.

Declaring that the agreement with Powers regarding the First Special District Court would expire on March 31, Mayor Fu warned that the Chinese Municipal Government would not recognise decisions of the District Court after April 1 unless it was taken over by the Municipal Government immediately.—Domei.

### FOUR CHINESE WOUNDED BUT TARGET MISSED

Shanghai, Mar. 30. Four Chinese were slightly nicked by bullet fired by Japanese sentry towards the Settlement from the Szechuan Road Bridge.

The sentry opened fire when a Chinese of the coolie class failed to halt on being challenged. Apparently the Chinese, who was crossing the bridge, flushed a pheasant and walked off in the direction of the Settlement, whereupon the sentry ordered him to halt. The Chinese, however, began to run and the sentry fired. The bullet missed him, but nicked four other Chinese.—Domei.

ment for almost 2,000,000 workers who are now idle.

In well-informed circles the decision to be the outcome of the recent visit of the French President, M. Albert Lebrun, because immediately after the termination of his visit a rumour was in circulation in London that the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, had several conversations with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax and had strongly urged adoption of compulsory military service by Great Britain. The attack of the Eden-Churchill group on Mr. Chamberlain also played an essential role.—Trans-Ocean.

### Japan

## Mobilising Country's Labour

Tokyo, Mar. 30. A new Imperial Ordinance will be promulgated on March 31 invoking Articles VI and XXII of the National General Mobilisation Act designed to control employment of skilled labour and juvenile workers.

Article VI will be effective on April 20 and Article XXII as from May 5. Under Article VI, restrictions are imposed on the employment of skilled workers so as to adjust the demand for skilled labour, while under Article XXII the owners of factories employing more than 200 hands are compelled to train juvenile workers between the ages of 14 and 17 in technical and moral courses for a period of three years.

Article XVII restricting the dividends of business corporations, will be invoked on April 1. Business corporations paying high dividends are to maintain the present rate. If they want to increase it more than two per cent, they are to obtain Government permission.—Domei.

### National Thrift Drive

Tokyo, Mar. 30. The National Thrift Drive, which aimed to increase popular savings by Yen 8,000,000,000 during the current fiscal year ending March 31, has resulted in the increase of Yen 6,658,000,000 in ordinary bank and postal savings deposits up to the end of February.

With the increase in bank deposits for the month of March reckoned at Yen 650,000,000, the figure for the corresponding month last year, the increase for the year will amount to about Yen 7,300,000,000, falling short of the mark set by Yen 700,000,000. The National Thrift Drive for the next fiscal year beginning April 1 will aim to reach Yen 10,000,000,000.

In the current fiscal year, the Government issued Yen 4,100,000,000 bonds with Yen 430,000,000 still to be issued, while the next financial year will witness the issue of Yen 5,000,000,000 bonds in addition to a further Yen 2,000,000,000 unissued during the current fiscal year.—Domei.

### SITUATION DISCUSSED

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Baron Hiranuma, called on Prince Fumimaro Konoye, President of the Privy Council and concurrently Minister without Portfolio and it is understood discussed various phases of the current political situations at home and abroad.

Prince Konoye will return to the visit to Baron Hiranuma on Saturday.—Domei.

### Resigns from Cabinet

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Mr. Seigo Nakano, Director of the Tohoku, minority political party, yesterday sent in his resignation as a member of the House of Representatives.

To the Press Mr. Nakano said that he would devote himself to the organisation of a new national movement for Japan's rising generation. He said that the entire responsibility rested with him for the recent abortive movement for forming a new political party by amalgamating the Social Mass Party and the Tohoku.

Referring to his recent tour of China, Mr. Nakano said that as the result of his personal associations with the officers and men in action, he observed amid the chaos on the spot new hopes gradually growing for the settlement of the situation.

He was firmly convinced that it was the vigour of youths that was leading Japan to a new restoration. The vigour of the rising generation formed the keynote to the construction of a new order in East Asia, and he would take the initiative in launching a "basic movement" on which the future of Japan would hinge.

He hoped that the movement would command itself to youths in Manchukuo, China, India, Burma and other parts of East Asia.

The announcement of the belligerent split as there is more than one member likely to withdraw.—Domei.

### Party Disorganised

Tokyo, Mar. 30. The Tohoku, a minor political party headed by Mr. Seigo Nakano, following an emergency meeting at the House of Representatives this morning, has formally decided to disorganise its group in the Diet and strive for the inauguration of "basic national movement" in the interest of the rising generation of Japan.—Domei.

### PRINCE CHICHIBU

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Prince Chichibu, younger brother of the Emperor, was the guest of honour at a banquet given by the Manchukuo Ambassador, Mr. Yuan Chen-yu, on Wednesday night in celebration of Manchukuo's admission to the tripartite anti-Comintern pact.

Herr Eugen Ott, the German Ambassador, and Signor Giacinto Auriol, the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Inacio Arilla, the Foreign Minister, General Higashida, the Minister of War, Admiral Yonai, the Minister of Navy, and other distinguished personalities attended the function.—Domei.

## Women To Hold Air Show

NEWCASTLE, Australia. An aerial pageant which will be directed entirely by women, from pilots to ground organisation, is being prepared by the Newcastle Women's Flying Club. Twenty of the 40 members of the club are training for the results.

### American Plan

Chicago, Mar. 30. An international congress of American Czechs and Slovaks which will make plans for the establishment of a free Czechoslovakia in a free Europe will be held within the next month, either in Chicago or New York, according to an announcement by the nephew of Dr. Benes. Delegates from various cities will represent 1,500,000 Czechs and Slovaks in the United States.—Reuter Bulletin.

### China

## 'PUPPETS' DENOUNCE POWERS

### Warning Issued In Policy Statement

Nanking, Mar. 30. The Joint Commission of the Provisional Government at Peiping and the Reformed Government at Nanking, to-day issued a statement denouncing the Powers which continually assist the Chiang Kai-shek regime.

Reminding that both the Peiping and the Nanking regimes upon their establishment announced their decisions not to recognize monetary and material allowances to the Chiang Kai-shek regime by the Powers, the statement re-affirms its declaration of September to the effect that those who refuse to discontinue assistance will be regarded as China's public enemies.

# ENJOYABLE RACING IN MACAO EXPECTED ON SUNDAY

## ENTRIES UP TO MARK IN APRIL MEET OF CLUB SPECIAL DOLLAR SWEEP ON GOVERNOR'S CUP

(By "Captain Foster")

Very satisfactory entries have been received for the April Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Arcia Preta on Sunday. I understand that the s.s. Taishan will be on the run. The time of her departure is not yet advertised, but it must no doubt be the usual 9.30 a.m.

With the curtain dropped down at Kwant, Sunday holiday makers and followers of the turf will no doubt look forward to Macao to provide them with a good day's sport among the lower classes of China ponies.

The Macao Jockey Club has left no stone unturned, for in addition to the major contest, the Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency the Macao Governor, there will be a cup to the most successful jockey who scores the highest points, five for a win, two for a second and one for a third.

There are seven attractive events on the card, a special dollar sweep being conducted on the Governor's Cup which is the sixth race on the programme. No provision has been made for an "E" class event to be contested at Happy Valley during the Easter week, with the result that the Highfield handicap has been divided into two sections owing to the many entries received for the race over the mile.

### Fairy Ousel Favoured To Win Event

The opening event will be the Rainford Handicap for China ponies "Y" class of any season that has not won more than \$500 in stakes since January and the run is over the six furlongs' course. It will be an interesting race, for it will be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than ten events. Both Fairy Ousel and Victory Lite are at the head of the assessment, but I doubt whether the latter will accept as having been given to understand that the owner wants to have a go at the Governor's Cup. I like Fairy Ousel, but Gold Clause is a danger provided, of course, he does not act the part. The latter is a good buck jumper and I can still visualise how he unsaddled Mr. "Pinky" Botelho in the Ibin Verde Handicap on September 12, 1937. The jockey had to ease off for a few months on account of a dislocated collar bone. Merry Fatty is not a bad outsider provided Mr. Cooper can get down to the allotment of 140 lbs.

### Nine Ponies Assigned To First Section

The weight controller has assigned nine China ponies to the first section of the Highfield Handicap over



Lim Thiam-tet entered the quarter-finals of the Colony tennis singles championship yesterday by beating E. C. Fincher in two hard-fought sets. On the whole he showed good all-round form.

### Rugby League Tie Won By Barrow

London, Mar. 30.  
In the Rugby League Barrow defeated Widnes by 9-2 to-day.—Reuter

This brownie is very fond of twitching his tail and it is earnestly hoped that he will not shut up like a knife when coming round the bend for the home stretch. I am afraid that High Tower is not a nice animal to ride, for he is very fond of running in and out. The Spirit of St. Louis lacks speed and energy.

### A Good Field Expected For Fulwell H'cap

I expect to see a good field in the Fulwell Handicap and we shall see a good fight among the "D" class racers over a sprint of six furlongs. Double Chance, Flybynight, Gold Sovereign and Good Morning do not require any formal introduction, for all of them have done well on the Portuguese course. I may be wrong, but I will only consider the chance of Flybynight if the pony is ridden by Mr. Peter Wel. In the Kinsale Handicap run on January 8, Gold Sovereign, the winner, and Good Morning, who finished behind, were on the same level, but on Sunday the former has to concede 7 lbs. of lead and in the circumstance the English gold coin appeals to me as a better racer. Of course the opposition comes from, I think, Double Chance who has been kindly treated. The last named with Mr. Needa ran a good second behind Salvage Master in the Royal Navy Cup, beating

### Selections Made By "Capt. Foster"

My selections for the first events are as follows:  
**RAINTON HANDICAP**  
Fairy Ousel  
Gold Clause  
Merry Fatty  
**HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)**  
King's Parade  
Mac's Adventure  
Charybdis  
**HIGHFIELD HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)**  
Persian Cat  
National Dignity  
Cloudy Star  
**BENDIGO HANDICAP**  
Charcoal  
High Tower  
Sports Gesture  
**FULWELL HANDICAP**  
Gold Sovereign  
Double Chance  
Flybynight  
**GOVERNOR'S CUP**  
Fairy Auk  
Victory Lite  
Hogmanay

several classy ones among the old subscription griffins and if that form can be reproduced, Double Chance should register his first win for Major H. H. Oliver. Apart from the fact that she has never made the excursion to Macao, I cannot recommend Royal Highness, as the mare has a propensity to let you down for no earthly reason. Furthermore I have no use for any pony weighing out with blinkers. In my estimation Cuban Love, Lancashire Chub, National Anthem and Tribute Chub are the best of the bunch.

### MAIN RACE SHOULD SEE GOOD FIGHT

The Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency Dr. A. T. de Souza Barbosa is a handicap jaunt among the "Y" class China ponies over the mile course and the event has to be competed every six months during Spring and Autumn. The pony, Merry Doer, which annexed this event last May, is not in existence, but Shanghai 4, the Autumn winner, is among the list of entries. There is no doubt that Shanghai 4 has been on the scene since he returned from the walking list after the resumption in 1938. After capturing the Governor's Cup with Mr. Emmanuel in the saddle at the fall, I was sanguine, in fact had out hopes, that Mr. Pott's champion would stage a comeback, but the last three subsequent outings of the Macao pride were very disappointing displays. His last implied running in the Chungking Cup before the Chinese New Year was certainly not due to the encumbrance of the avoidable odds and Shanghai 4 has been asked to carry only 140 lbs. on Sunday against 160 lbs. to be shouldered by Fairy Auk belonging to Mrs. F. J. Gellion. A drop of 10 lbs. in favour of the old warrior seems to suggest that the weight adjuster has let the pony in or perhaps he intends to put a full stop to Fairy Auk's successes.

Shanghai 4 made his first appearance in the Tsin Shan Plate (five furlongs) run on September 13, 1936, and with Mr. Deitz up the combination romped home first with a few pounds to spare. It will be interesting to recall that in the same afternoon the grey gelding (it was

## FORMER PERAK CHAMPION IMPRESSES ON STAND COURT

### LIM THIAM-TET BEATS FINCHER IN TWO SETS

(By "Abe")

Playing as well as he has done of late, E. C. Fincher found yesterday that this was not good enough when he met Lim Thiam-tet, former champion of Perak, in the third round of the Colony tennis singles championship on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and was defeated by 8-6, 10-8. As a result of this victory, Lim enters the quarter-finals.

The scores give a good indication of how close the match was throughout. True, Fincher might have taken the first set but he badly misjudged a ball which was going outside at a crucial moment and the opportunity never came back again. That Fincher was the more experienced player of the two was obvious right through the match, but his execution very often was faulty.

On the other hand, Lim, who made his debut on the stand court, had all his strokes except one, beautifully under control. His drive was in almost perfect order on both wings and though he seldom went up to the net, when he was forced to do so he showed he had quite a reliable volley and smash.

But for some inexplicable reason he persisted with a drop shot which, against another man, might have had the effects of a boomerang. He has not yet perfected the shot and probably would do well to discard it in tournament play. As it was yesterday, Fincher got to the ball nine times out of ten and should have scored more winners with his return shots than he actually did.

One has to admit, however, that when Fincher failed to make an outright winner of his return, Lim passed him with splendid drives down the lines or beat him with a finely-judged lob.

**NOT A WINNER**  
On the whole, one formed the impression that Lim did not use the drop-shot with which to score winners but as a means to lure Fincher up to the net. If this is correct, then he certainly succeeded.

In all other departments of the game, however, Lim seems to be extremely well-equaled. He revealed no real weakness in yesterday's match, and I could not help thinking that he would have been more effective had he forsaken his drop-shot for straight-honest-to-goodness tennis. He was foot-faulted a couple of times in his service, and though affected by this to a certain extent he showed he had the right temperament by getting over it quickly.

Fincher started off the match as if he meant business and, playing extremely well, he won the first two games. Lim settled down after this and took a lead of 5-3. At this stage, he was footfaulted and he quickly dropped the next three games. But he recovered just in time, thanks to an error of judgment by Fincher. Lending 6-5 and the scores decided, Fincher took a ball which would have gone out by a yard, and then won the next point. Had he left the ball go in the previous stroke, the set would have been his!

The second set was again a ding-dong affair, with victory going to the Chinese in the 10th game.

#### OTHER MATCHES

Tsui Wai-pui, the holder of the single title, had a bit of practice in his third-round tie with Wong Shiu-wing, a club-mate, and won in straight sets, conceding only five games. On an adjoining court a marathon match was played between I. M. A.

#### Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

- Open Singles  
Lim Thiam-tet beat E. C. Fincher 8-6, 10-8.  
Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat Wong Shiu-wing 6-3, 6-2.  
I. M. A. Razack beat Luk Chun-cheung 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.
- Open Doubles  
Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky received a walk-over from Lt. D. C. Misra and Lt. S. M. Afzal.

Razack and Luk Chun-cheung. The game was reduced to a test of stamina and the Indian, because of his greater lasting power, won after three sets.

In the final set with the scores deadlocked at 5-5, spectators were amazed to see Luk being given a rub-down by friends, thus breaking one of the most important rules of the game. But his five-minutes' rest was of no avail.

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme for today:

Open Singles.—J. M. Tomlinson v. W. J. Howard; J. W. Leonard v. H. D. Runjhah.

Open Doubles.—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. Paul Kong and Szeto Szeto.

### Both Crews Considered To Be Below Average

London, Mar. 30.

Although both the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race crews are considered to be below the average, one of the closest races in years is expected on Saturday morning when the race will be decided, starting at 11 a.m.

Cambridge were installed as slight favourites during the early training, but reports and discussion in camp, which had an upsetting effect on the crew, caused the betting to veer 0-10-5 on Oxford despite the fact that they made the unprecedented action of changing the stroke a week before the race.

R. A. Bourne, who was originally selected to stroke the Oxford crew, was deposed because of a suspected weakness in stamina. This action breaks a family tradition; Bourne's grandfather and father stroked Oxford views.

J. R. Bingham, who is substituted, is considered more physically suited. He certainly has infused more life into the Oxford stroking and has kept the crew well together.

Start Massey, son of the Canadian High Commissioner in London, has the distinction of being the smallest coxswain in the history of the Boat Race. He stands 4 ft. 2 ins. and weighs 5 st. 1½ lbs.—Reuter.

#### LITTLE TO CHOOSE

London, Mar. 30.  
With only a couple of days left for practice, the Oxford and Cambridge crews are concluding their strenuous preparation on the tide-way which has been interrupted

consistently by rough conditions.

There seems little to choose between them. Oxford is heavier and more powerful, but it is doubtful whether she can retain the balance when striking quickly. Cambridge with a quick-stroking and well-balanced crew has reached the peak of preparation at a psychological moment and shown fine watermanship in heavy water.—Reuter.

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**BEIGE AND STONE** are starred for spring, but they are difficult to wear. Test powders until you find one that looks like the bloom on a pale side of a peach. Your rouge must be the clear red of a ripe apple, your lipstick matching. A blue-black or green-blue mascara will look better than the sophistication of black, a grey, blue, or green eye shadow fresher than more exotic colours.

**PINKS AND PURPLES** are still with us, but you want a warmer, more robust look in spring sunshine. Buy a darker pink and mix it with your winter shade. Your lipstick must be softer in tone, rosier than the winter carnation; your rouge must have less mure in it. Blue mascara and eye shadow is more gentle to eyes tired after late winter nights at the movies.

**YELLOW** is high fashion, but hard on the complexion. A pinky look is unbecoming, but not worse than a jaundiced effect. You want a powder the shade of a peeled banana. Lipstick and rouge must be that pure soft pomegranate colour. Eye make-up must be clear and young-looking—mascara and eye shadow a fresh green or blue.

**GREEN-YELLOW**s are important this season. Make-up should be rather like that for yellow, but rouge and lipstick should be lighter, with just a hint of orange.

**BLACK OR NAVY** in spring wants careful make-up. Powder have no tinge of yellow, but the skin must look warm. The best thing, for average skins, is a first coat of pale pink powder with a dusting of warmer peach on top. Lipstick and rouge must be brilliant with neither orange nor blue undertones. Dark blue mascara is younger than black.

**PASTELS AND WHITE** will be in soon. Nothing looks worse than a sophisticated maquillage with ingenuo colours. Let your powder be a clear pale peach, your lipstick and rouge a clear rose. Be sparing with eye make-up; pale green or blue is best.



"Baby" dresses for grown-ups have a quaint charm. This one is made of pale blue marquisette over pink marquisette over pale blue satin. The tiny puffed sleeves are held with wreaths of flowers. The white doeskin gloves have little bows at the wrists.

## The Humble Prune Transformed

NOW that prunes can be bought cheaply, it is a pity we don't make more use of this tasty and satisfying fruit.

Try some of these recipes when plain stewed prunes don't tempt you. Prune Custard Pudding

Overnight soak two cupsful of prunes and then cut out the stones and roughly chop up the fruit. Butter a pie-dish, and prepare some slices of bread and butter. Fill the dish with layers of bread and butter, sugar, prunes, and a little grated nutmeg, and finish off with a layer of bread.

Now make the custard by beating a large egg in two cups of milk, and pouring this over the other ingredients. Stand the dish in a pan of water and cook in a moderate oven for about an hour.

### Prune Tarts

Stew a pound of prunes in the usual way, and when tender pass through a sieve.

Beat the yolks of two eggs with a gill of milk and the prune pulp and then whisk the egg whites and add them. Line some pastry tins with short crust and fill with the mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

### Prunes in the Meat Course

Prunes give a delicious flavour to meat pies and puddings, and make a shepherd's pie an out-of-the-ordin-

## Modes And Manners

QUESTION: "Please enlighten me on this point of etiquette: Should the spoon be dipped away from the body for soft foods as well as soups? K. J."

ANSWER: The rule mentioned applies to soups only. The motion followed by the spoon or fork for eating soft and semi-solid foods is toward the body. If these are better managed that way, then, as a rule, they are.

QUESTION: "Should asparagus be eaten with the fingers or a fork? N. J."

ANSWER: The fork should be used.

Ay dish. Add some tomato ketchup and a minced onion as well as some stoned prunes to any cold, leftover meat. Mince the meat and arrange the ingredients in layers. Top with mashed potatoes and you will have a dish with an intriguing "different" flavour.

### Pickled Prunes

Sonk a pound of prunes overnight, having pricked their skins. Place them in the pickling jar. Bolt three-quarters of a pint of vinegar with three ounces of sugar and a few chillies and leave to cool. Pour the vinegar over the prepared prunes and tie up.

Pickled prunes and cream cheese make a tidy sandwich.

Cookery Expert.



## Thoughtlessly Destructive Children

WHY are the boys of seven and upwards so thoughtlessly destructive?

The advent of new boys in school means that I must keep my eyes open, otherwise much school property will be damaged.

These boys come from good homes. They are well fed and clothed, and have no vices, but many of them are utterly careless when dealing with my property or their own personal belongings. They have to be constantly reminded to hang their clothes in the proper place, to tie their shoe-laces properly, and to take care of books, pens, pencils, and other school requisites.

When a small boy in the sick room was lent an illustrated copy of "Peter Pan" he tore out all the full page pictures, folded them in a variety of shapes and put them in the pocket of his dressing gown.

When I saw Bill, aged eight, digging holes in the tennis lawn with the heel of his shoe, I asked—"What would your mother say if I did the same thing to her lawn?" he answered—"She'd be very angry." But he had no respect for my property. Not till later.

### Disregard for Others' Property

A boarder of only a few months went to his dormitory, opened the window in a gale, and allowed it to blow off its hinges. The same thoughtless fellow sits with his feet on the staves of the chairs, wipes his sticky fingers under the seat of the chair or table, scrapes his feet on the linoleum or carpet, and being one of those children who must touch and handle things damages them in the process. His latest exploit was to use the cork mat in the bathroom as a sledge until he broke it in half.

I have flower borders round the school playing field. Some boys show little love for flower borders, plants, or flowers, and trample over them.

There is at the moment a large hole in the entrance hall wall. This was caused by a boy who amused himself in swinging the door and banging the key into the wall. He told me he did not mean to do it. Another new boy, in his first term, managed to smash

### SHORT CUTS

In bad weather, when drying clothes indoors on a line, use a coat hanger for each garment to conserve space.

A small brush is excellent for cleaning off a grater.

Tarnished copper and brass ornaments may be brightened if rubbed vigorously with strong liquid ammonia applied on a piece of flannel. Polish after with a clean piece of dry flannel.

If lace curtains are enclosed in a pillow case, they may be washed in the washing machine.

Try rubbing the hands with dry salt to remove onion odour.

But Parents Are To Blame  
By A SCHOOLMASTER

about a dozen panes of glass in an outbuilding.

When a mother interviewed me recently she brought three children with her. During the whole interview, the children were walking round my study, picking up first one article and then another, drumming upon the piano, and making themselves generally at home with my furniture.

Not one word of remonstrance came from the mother, who probably would have been disobeyed had she given the children an order.

They can lose their handkerchiefs,

leave their gloves in the bus, and lose their books and these can be replaced by fond parents with enough of this world's goods. Not until it is brought home to these children that they must take care of things can they be cured.

By daily reminders in school we do our best to instil the fact that clothes, toys, and school property must be used with care, but these children rarely realise the value of money. Every need seems to be satisfied by some fairy god-mother.

Fortunately every pupil now has pocket-money and he soon begins to realise its value. When he forfeits some of his weekly allowance for thoughtless damage he begins to think a little more of the consequences of his actions, and in time we can trust him to be less destructive.

It would be easier, however, if parents themselves taught the value of property and clothes before these children were sent to school.

## Cleaning Of Oven Glass

OVEN glass nowadays obligingly does the work of baking tins, but it resents being treated like a tin when it comes to washing up!

Its gleaming polish fades to a dull and scratched surface if subjected to a pan scrubber or any crude abrasive. Treat it like ordinary glass, except that you can use hot water than you would for tumblers and decanters.

If some of the contents have burnt on to the dish put it to soak in warm water; the burnt food will soon soften, and can be rubbed off. You can use a wooden window wedge with good effect as a scraper, but don't employ a knife or anything sharp. A rag dipped in a reliable soap powder may be used, but beware of cleaning powders liable to scratch.

Oven glass is not indestructible, and is sensitive to sudden extremes of heat and cold, so never pop a very hot dish straight into cold water. When your dish is free from bits and pieces, wash it in hot soapy water, rinse well, and dry with a glass cloth.

To give it that extra gleam, swish the blue bag round once or twice in the rinsing water, and you will find it makes all the difference to a perfect finish.

Isobel.



This dress is one-piece style in a wool chenille. It is featured in a corn yellow, with olive introduced in the suede belt with the yellow. Note the detail on the bodice.

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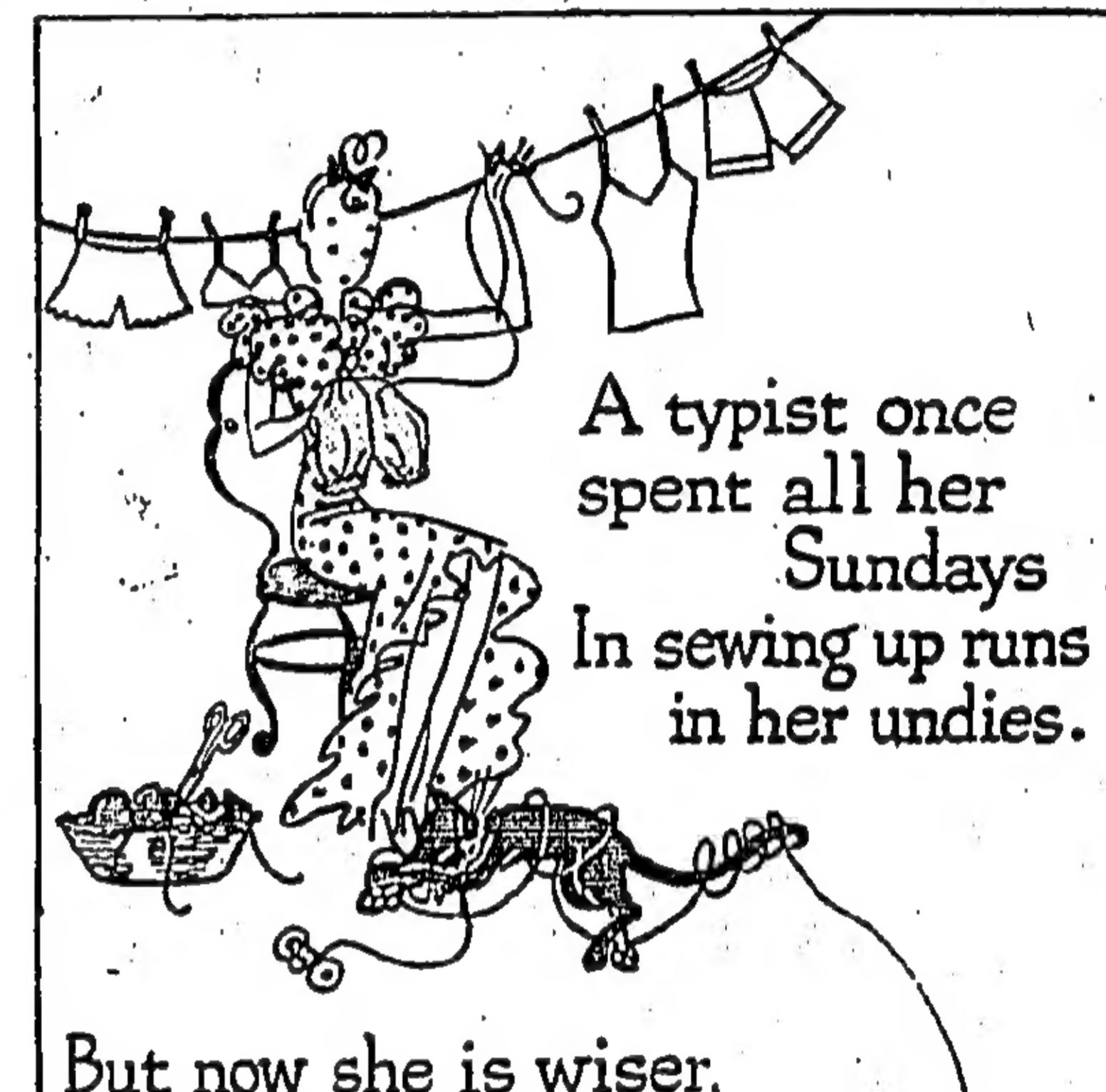
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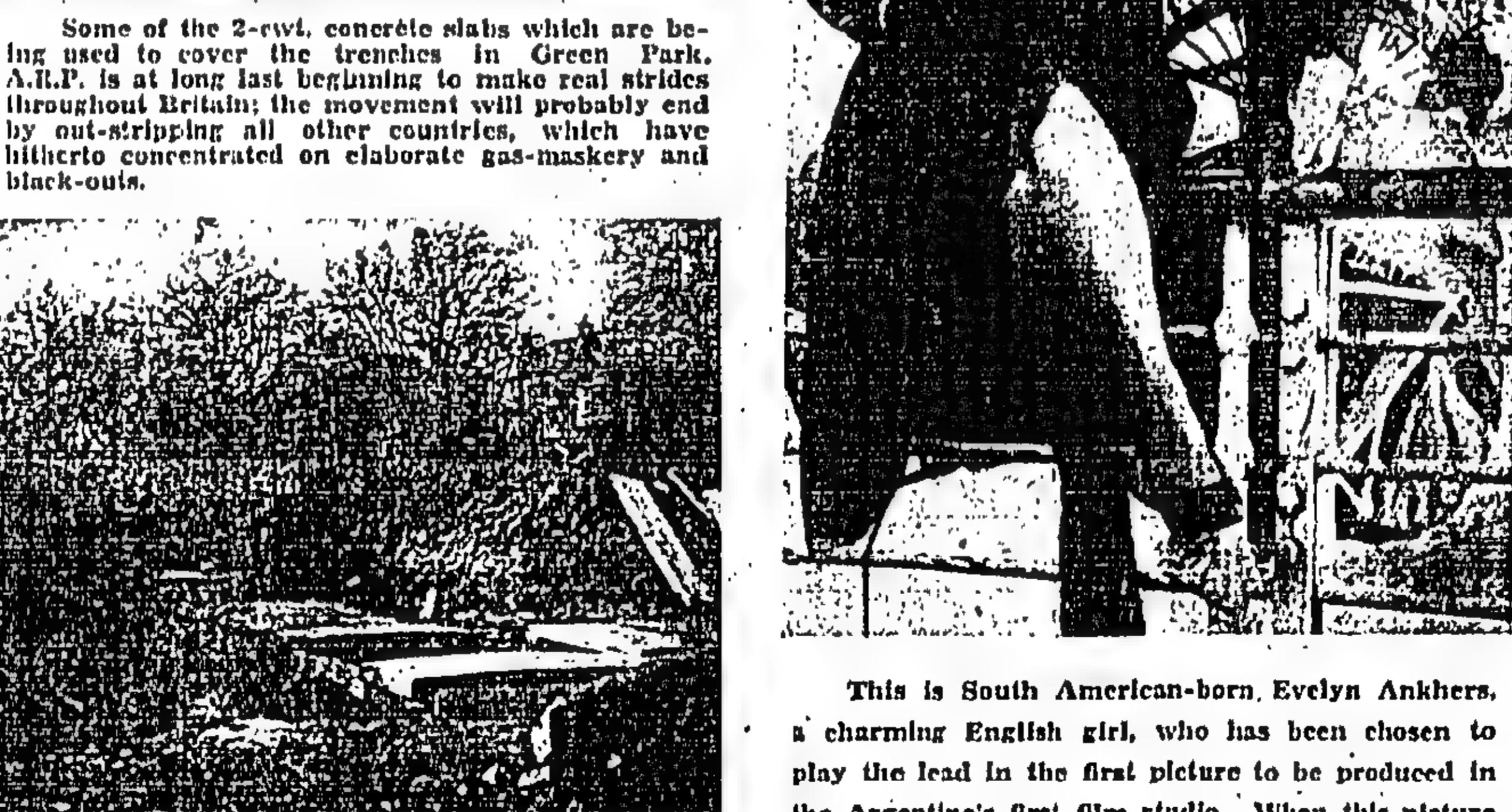


One of many A.R.P. devices exhibited in the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair. A shelter tank beneath the ground and covered with sandbags.

LEFT: Their Majesties leaving St. Andrew's Garrison Church, which has been enlarged and re-decorated, after attending the reopening service. St. Andrew's Church stands beside the Queen's Avenue on the site of the Iron Church, which dated from Crimiean days and remained till 1926. The new St. Andrew's Church is a memorial to the war dead of the Church of Scotland and kindred churches throughout the Empire. It was opened by the Princess Royal in 1927.



A particularly ingenious A.R.P. idea which attracted much attention at the British Industries fair: A shelter protected by a mound of concrete balls designed to deflect a direct hit.



This is South American-born Evelyn Ankher, a charming English girl, who has been chosen to play the lead in the first picture to be produced in the Argentine's first film studio. When this picture was taken Miss Ankher was adopting one of those boat deck poses, so much beloved by press photographers, on board the Almanzora as it was about to leave Southampton for Buenos Aires.

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Yesterday, Chiu was charged with burglary before Mr. E. Hinsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Mr. K. Ludwig was the complainant.

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## CRUISE SHIP

### Franconia Arrives After Long Delay

When the Cunard White Star world cruise liner Franconia berthed at Kowloon at 4 p.m. yesterday her 234 passengers surged hungrily down the gangplank. Their anxiety to set foot in Hongkong was natural, as they had spent the day since 6 a.m. riding at anchor in a thick blanket of fog outside the harbour.

They were to have been in Hongkong by 6.30 a.m., and Cook's had arranged a crowded programme of car tours for them. But the first troublesome weather encountered since the ship left New York on January 5 ruined the day's plans. The cruise directors, Mr. Ross H. Skinner, and his assistant, Mr. Sidney Jones, produced an impromptu concert and entertainment programme on board, but the passengers found it poor compensation for a day's sightseeing in Hongkong. They cannot receive any recompense here, for the Franconia leaves, according to schedule, at 5.30 p.m. today.

Mrs. P. J. Gallagher, whose husband is in the bond paper business in Chicago and who is travelling alone, expressed the pent-up feelings of all when she said: "I was very anxious to get into Hongkong and it certainly hurt me when we did not arrive early this morning."

#### Two Sets of Twins

The Franconia's passenger list includes two sets of twins, one of whom, however, was on the wharf and not on the ship when the Franconia berthed. This was Miss Margaret Fife, who arrived in Hongkong on Thursday last week by Imperial Airways after leaving the ship at Bangkok. Miss Marion Fife had her head out of a porthole to greet her 22-year-old sister when the Franconia pulled in.

The Fifes are from New York. The other twins, Misses Barbara and Gloria Young, also aged 22 and also very attractive, had come from Los Angeles. They were leaning against the rail smartly attired in grey when the ship berthed and were very easy to pick out.

In their rush to get ashore the passengers were shy of interviews, but the procession down the gangplank contained many people prominent socially or in business. They included Mr. Wilfred C. Abbott, Assistant District Scout Commissioner, Lone Star, South Africa; and his wife; Mr. Calvin P. Bentley, Florida businessman, his wife, and his attractive daughter Clara Belle; Dr. William H. Blonchette, New York physician, and his wife; Miss Jane Culbertson, whose father was recently American Ambassador in the Argentine; Mrs. W. N. Custance, wife of British Admiral Custance; Mr. Jaime Del Amo, Los Angeles tennis star; Drs. R. H. and R. C. Fumasoni, and Dr. F. Iribarren and his wife, of Buenos Aires; Dr. Marie Gerstle, Jr., of Chicago; Major H. E. Gates, retired army man, from Halifax, Nova Scotia; Mr. H. McC. Knickerbocker, of the New York Knickerbocker family; Mr. James S. McCandless, of Honolulu, who was responsible for the great scheme of water wells developed in the Hawaiian Islands; Mr. Robert Kirk, Nottingham-newspaper-proprietor and his wife; and Miss M. S. Wadia, Parsee lady, who joined the ship at Bombay and is going to New York, where she will do a tour of the Canadian Rockies before she returns home.

One of the most interesting passengers is Mrs. Rachael T. Wise, who is taking advantage on the voyage to pursue the artist's craft; in fact she was at her easel sketching as the Franconia came up the harbour.

The youngest person on board—in fact the only child on board—is Miss Susanne Gibson, aged four, who is travelling with her mother, Mrs. D. L. Gibson.

#### Operation on Board

The Franconia's voyage was free of anxious moments, though one operation was performed on board. The subject was a young bell boy, whose appendix was removed just before the ship reached Capetown. He has now quite recovered and his experience gave him little more trouble than it did the passengers, for the sea was so smooth at the time of the operation that it was not necessary to stop the ship.

Another victim of illness was Mr. Sidney Jones, Assistant Cruise Director, who was imprisoned in his cabin

off South America because a prostate attack of menses. Another of the social staff, Miss Esther W. Boyer, Social Director, also suffered misfortune when she sprained her ankle.

The most unusual call made by the Franconia was to the tiny British Island of Tristan de Cunha in the South Atlantic. She arrived there on February 1, being the first ship to do so since November 1938 when a sealing ship called.

Rough seas made it impossible for the tourists to go ashore, but the Franconia succeeded in landing a medley of supplies, including wagon wheels, sugar, a thousand candles and about 50 suits each for the men and women.

#### Hongkong Passengers

Only two passengers disembarked in Hongkong, Miss M. Plummer, of London, who embarked at Mombasa, will spend sometime in China and Japan and then go to the Spice Islands before returning to London which she expects to reach in December. The other was Mr. John Carr, American businessman, who joined the ship at Bangkok.

The Company includes several who have made the tour before—Mr. F. C. Blelock, who has made four cruises, and Miss Sadie American and Mrs. C. A. O'Keefe, who have been with the Franconia on two previous cruises.

The Franconia's next port of call is Manila.

A celebration awaits her later in the voyage when she reaches San Francisco, where one of the days of the world fair is to be called Franconia day and where the captain and officers will be entertained at a dinner party broadcast throughout the United States.

## CHARITY BALLS

The Hongkong Women's Soldiers' Relief Association will hold charity balls at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel to-night and tomorrow night.

With charming society girls acting as hostesses, and the following well-balanced programme, entertaining evenings are promised:

Miss Grace Chang and Mr. Bunkie Yip will render song selections, followed by little Miss Rose Tan in a ballet number. The famous Chinese actress, Miss Violet, will give a special Chinese item, and the Misses Stella and Helen Ho will execute a pas de deux.

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To elect a President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Treasurer, and an Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year.

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and  
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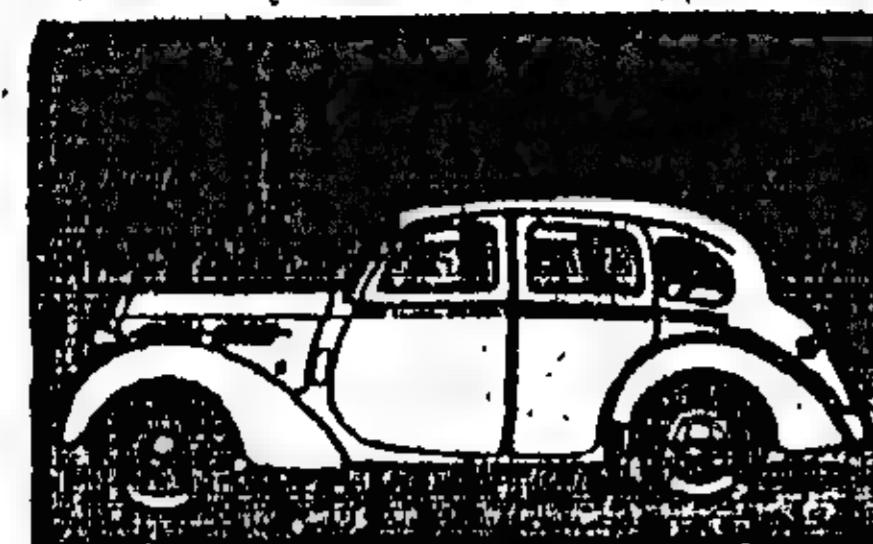
Box of 25 \$ 7.—  
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DE LUXE Box of 25 \$ 7.75  
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DE LUXE Camagot of 25 \$ 9.—  
In GLASS TUBE—Box of 10 \$ 3.75

DET. Sergeant T. Matches said that defendant had taken the detective to house No. 47 and pointed out how he had entered the premises by climbing a drain pipe, breaking a window and releasing the bolt of a door.

Immediately after entering the house, defendant went to the back door, unlocked it, and placed the key on the outside, so that he could escape and lock the door against any pursuers. In doing this, defendant had made some noise, which awakened the amah of the house, and she raised the alarm.

Mr. K. Ludwig was the complainant.

1939 FLYING  
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The Tyre with 2000 teeth  
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Liners  
Fogbound  
Off H.K.

DAMAGED SHIPS  
CANNOT ENTER  
HARBOUR

A BIG question mark  
must be placed besides  
the movements of all  
ships in Hongkong  
waters this morning.

Fog—the biggest since  
last summer—has cast a  
pall over the entire coast  
and at Lyemoon Pass visibility  
has been reduced to a few feet.

Both the P. & O. liner  
Canton and the M.M. liner  
Marechal Joffre have arrived  
at Waglan, a few miles from  
the entrance to Hongkong harbour,  
and are anchored there, awaiting an opportunity to enter Lyemoon.

By nine o'clock this morning large ocean-going liners were beginning to line up at Waglan. The gathering there included the Lloyd Trieste liner Conte Verde, which should have berthed at midnight, the N.D.L. liner Potsdam, which was due from Shanghai at 9 a.m. and the trooper Ettrick, which should have arrived from England yesterday afternoon.

As this edition was going to press there was no indication of the fog lifting and it is highly improbable that any vessel will be able to enter the harbour before this afternoon.

## Making Water

The Canton is still making water from the holes-in-the-side, resulting from yesterday's collision, but her

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THE MOTORSHIP TULAGI taking to the water yesterday at the Hongkong & Whampoa Docks. The ship was built for Messrs. Burns Philp & Co. for their South Sea Island trade. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. A. Corrigan, wife of Messrs. Burns Philp's superintendent in Hongkong. Staff Photographer.

## SIAM JOINS ANTI-JAPAN BLOC, REPORT

### War Risk Rate Up In Hongkong

"THE WAR RISK Insurance rate between Hongkong and Europe has in recent days been increased by 25 per cent. Latest advice from London gives the rate at 12s. 6d. per £100, the previous rate being 10s. per £100.

The rate, as fixed by the joint committee of the Institute of London Underwriters—and Lloyds, has been increased from 1s. to 1s. 6d. The rate covers an area between Bordeaux and Hamburg, no increase having been made in the Mediterranean and Siam.

The correspondent says that the British authorities will extend their understanding with Siam to French Indo-China, where negotiations, according to the report, are going on between the French authorities and a Siamese military mission.

Conclusion of the secret understanding between Britain and Siam was preceded by a British offer of a sterling loan amounting to £2,000,000 to £4,000,000, the correspondent further claims.

The British offer, the correspondent understands, has been declined by Siam, who instead has decided to issue a domestic loan amounting to 50,000,000 bahts.

Although the projected domestic loan is now subject to approval by the People's Assembly, the correspondent alleges that it will eventually be converted into a foreign loan with the understanding of Great Britain.

Well-informed quarters in Tokyo are sceptical about the "Asia" report, which cannot be confirmed.

### PHEW! IT'S STICKY!

### Humidity Won't Climb Down

WHAT HAPPENS when humidity reaches 100 per cent.

—saturation point?

You should know, for on three days during the past week it has climbed to that figure.

To-day is one of them.

For the past week, in fact, humidity has maintained an uncomfortable and persistent level that has never been below ten per cent. off saturation point.

The maximum for the past seven days has averaged 99 per cent., the lowest maximum being 98 per cent. last Friday and Saturday. On Monday and Wednesday it was 99 per cent., and on Tuesday, yesterday and to-day one hundred per cent.

This is how humidity and temperature have varied since last night.

	Temperature	Humidity
6 p.m.	69.8	97
8 p.m.	71.6	95
10 p.m.	70.7	97
Midnight	70.0	100
2 a.m.	69.7	99
4 a.m.	69.3	99
6 a.m.	69.0	100
8 a.m.	69.8	99
10 a.m.	70.4	97
	71.8	94

Hongkong need expect no relief yet. The official forecast at ten o'clock this morning predicted a consequence of present conditions, local fog or mist will also persist.

### AIR MAIL DELAYED

The week-end air mail has been delayed a day, and is not expected at Kai Tak until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The following passengers left by Imperial Airways plane to-day: Mr. Matildas for Calcutta and Mrs. Chu for Nanjing.

See Back Page For  
Further Late News

## Terrorism In Palestine Village Sheikh Killed

JERUSALEM, Mar. 30. TERRORISM in Palestine is continuing with undiminished violence.

A Jewish constable was shot and seriously wounded by Arabs in Haifa to-day.

The village sheikh at Burga and another Arab inhabitant were killed, while a wounded Arab was found near Jaffa.

British military authorities have increased their precautions, and have arrested 41 Arabs in Jerusalem, Haifa and in Samaria and the Galilee districts. Twenty have been arrested for violating the curfew regulations.

—Tran Ocean.

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"THE AXIS MIGHT NOT BEAR THE STRAIN"

# MUSSOLINI TALKS OF DANGER SPOT TO EUROPE'S PEACE

ROME, Mar. 30.

"ITALY DOES not intend to remain a prisoner in the Mediterranean" was Signor Mussolini's only comment on international affairs when speaking to-day at Cosenza Calabria.

LONDON, Mar. 30.  
RELIABLE SOURCES here state that the British Government has received reports of new German troop movements in the vicinity of the Polish frontier.

It is not certain whether these reports were discussed at today's Cabinet meeting. However, the Polish Minister visited the British Foreign Office this afternoon.

It is understood that the announcement regarding the increase in British army strength is coincident with new proposals to Poland for military co-operation against German aggression.

To-day's Cabinet meeting was an emergency session to consider the situation.

Poland's Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, is due on an official visit to London on Monday next, and it is believed that he will discuss a firm military understanding with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.

Diplomatic circles here interpret the increased military strength as an admonition to Germany and an implication of assurance to Poland.—United Press.

Italian Mobilisation

ROME, Mar. 30.  
Italy has called a quarter of a million of reservists to the colours.

Tension Won't Ease

Washington, Mar. 30.  
It is understood that diplomatic and other information reaching the Government suggests that the tension in Europe is likely to be maintained in the near future.

The Totalitarian States are credited with the intention of forcing upon the democracies "another Munich". The Government therefore hopes to help to secure "peace without surrender" by a decisive relaxation of the Neutrality Act next week.—Reuter.

Demands

Berlin, Mar. 30.  
Further anti-German demonstrations are reported from Poland.

The German News Agency states that anti-German riots in Upper Silesia have increased in number lately.

It is alleged that Poles marched into a restaurant and molested Germans, knocking one down with chairs, who despite threats, continued to speak in German.—Reuter.

Labour Calls For Guarantees

London, Mar. 30.  
A declaration issued by the Federation of International Labour calls upon the governments of Britain, France, Russia and Poland immediately to enter mutual guarantees for full and unqualified support in the event of further aggressions by Italy and Germany.—Reuter.

Exaggerated.

Berlin, Mar. 30.  
Rumours of German demands and ultimatums to Poland are certainly exaggerated.—Reuter. Learns from well-informed sources.

That certain suggestions—or approaches—have been made to Poland are not officially denied, but all talk of Warsaw being asked to subscribe to the anti-German pact appears to be premature.

Even the question of a motor road through the Corridor is not being pressed by Germany—it is stated.

It is understood that Colonel Beck is not expected to leave his train en route to London.—Reuter.

CHIEF OF STAFF IN FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 30.  
Viscount Gort, the British Chief of Staff, was shown over the stronger sections of the Maginot Line and the interior of the fortifications of Metz this morning.

Vincent Gort closely inspected the ventilation system and the measures

### Answered By Two Voices

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.

"THE GOVERNMENTS of the Axis" Powers cannot fail to note that two replies have been made instead of one to Signor Mussolini's speech, says the New York "Times".

"M. Daladier broadcast a message he was scheduled to deliver, but another voice spoke unexpectedly across the English Channel.

There can be no doubt that Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the strength of the territorial army is to be doubled was timed to warn Italy against any resort to force in an attempt to achieve still undefined purposes in the Mediterranean area."—Reuter.

Commenting on M. Daladier's speech, Signor Guido writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says: "The French have definitely shown they want to slam the door we left open, but Italy is not impatient, and she can wait."

Meanwhile, it has been authoritatively stated that Germany has made proposals regarding Danzig, although the Foreign Office here has denied such reports.—United Press.

Cabinet To Confirm Guarantee

LONDON, Mar. 31.  
IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY LEARNED THAT BRITAIN THROUGH THE BRITISH LEGATION IN WARSAW, HAS PRESENTED POLAND WITH A PROPOSAL FOR A UNILATERAL GUARANTEE OF POLAND'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

The Polish Foreign Minister will arrive in London on Monday, reputedly to steadfastly insist that any agreements must be backed by a military pact.

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German Barter With China

\$10,000,000 Pact Reported Signed

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30.  
Informed circles stated that Sino-German relations turned favourable in recent weeks on conclusion of a barter agreement whereby China and Germany are exchanging goods valued at 10 million yuan for special materials and manufactured products.

These circles said that Herr Von Logow, a German serving as adviser to the Ministry of Communications, played an active role in improving Sino-German relations, particularly economic. They said Von Logow made a brief trip to Berlin from Chungking by air and returned early in March in connection with the barter deal.—United Press.

taken for protection against a gas attack.—Reuter.

Jewish Fears

Berlin, Mar. 30.  
The Jews are doing their utmost to leave Danzig, fearful of Germany's plans to occupy the Free-State.

Britain's decision to double the territorial army is being branded as an anti-German "measure", with the "Berliner Zeitung" stressing that it will not affect the solidity of the Rome-Berlin axis.

The French Premier's Wednesday speech has been ignored.—United Press.

He said that Italians at present were more perturbed by the relations between Germany and Poland than by M. Daladier's speech.

Those Italians who were not wholly Fascists, and not wholly in favour of the Rome-Berlin axis, think the danger point for Europe is Poland.

If Germany shows resentment at Warsaw's refusal of its suggestions and her troops march, then many Italians declare that the axis might not bear the strain."—Reuter.

Mussolini Adamant

Cosenza, Mar. 30.  
Signor Mussolini, accompanied by his secretary, Signor Achille Starace, arrived here at dawn to-day.

Signor Mussolini is staying at the Calabrian Hotel.

A crowd of 15,000 greeted his train at Paola station with shouts of "Long Live National Spain!" Il Duce, founder of the Empire!"

Mussolini and his party halted for only a few minutes at Paola station to enable the local authorities to pay their respects, after which they continued to the town of Delmonte, where Il Duce alighted.

Later a cheering crowd in Victor Square heard what is regarded as a reference to France's attitude. They heard Mussolini, with pounding fist, say: "Pacis" or "no-diplomatic" pacis; we will never resign ourselves to remaining prisoners in the Mediterranean."

He said the claim for special concessions regarding the Suez Canal must be satisfied.

Referring to the "defeat of Bolshevism in Spain" and praising Italian collaboration therein, Muss

# HE MADE MILLIONS—BY ACCIDENT

*Bought Dog-track When 1d.-a-Pint  
on Beer Forced Sale*

AS the greyhounds flashed round the track at Wandsworth Stadium recently Mr. Sidney E. Parkes smiled to himself and thought: "If they hadn't put a penny on the pint of beer I might never have gone to the dogs."

The "dogs" have been profitable for this tall, broad-shouldered, 50-year-old mystery millionaire and greyhound "king."

Few people have ever heard of Mr. Parkes. Although a director of many companies he is not included in the "Directory of Directors."

Yet he is one of Britain's wealthiest men, living quietly at Kingston Hill, Surrey, with his wife and five children.

To-day he is the owner of four leading London stadiums and training establishments worth £1,000,000. No one has such a large holding in the greyhound business which he entered "by accident" in 1933.

#### A BIG FUTURE

"It happened like this," Mr. Parkes said. "In my capacity as a contractor, builder, and estate dealer, I was given a contract for the erection of Wandsworth Stadium.

"When the buildings were completed, the promoters, who were associated with some brewery interests, found that they could not go ahead because a penny extra tax had been put on the pint of beer.

"I was given the opportunity of taking over the stadium myself, and I said: 'Why not?'

"So, indirectly, that penny on beer introduced me to the dogs."

"Wandsworth did so well that I extended my interest."

"There's a big future in greyhounds. Public interest still grows and it is likely that I shall launch out with more developments."

#### £5,000,000 DEAL

But greyhounds are not Mr. Parkes' only interest.

As an estate dealer he has bought and sold land worth £5,000,000.

Created a new South London suburb, Motspur Park, promoted more sports grounds than any other man in the country.

Mr. Parkes was humorously secretive about his rise to millionaire status.

"All I will say is that my career has been full of thrills," he said. "I started in a modest way, and progressed by getting my teeth into a job."

"But please don't say I have succeeded by rising early in the morning. There's nothing I'd like more."

## ULTIMATUM TO Cripps M.P.s

The Socialist leaders recently delivered their ultimatum to the Cripps government: "Sever all connection with the Popular Front or get out!"

The ultimatum takes the form of a letter sent by the Party National Executive Council to Socialist M.P.s who have associated with the expelled leader.

These M.P.s include Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Ebbw Vale) and Mr. George Strauss (N. Lambeth).

The pro-Cripps M.P.s are warned against "participating in organised activity against the fundamental principles of the party calculated to weaken the unity and electoral power of the Socialist movement."

If they do not heed this final warning they must take the consequences. An early reply is required.

#### SIR STAFFORD'S DENIAL

Sir Stafford last night issued a positive denial that he was contemplating any reprisals for his own expulsion or that he was even considering the idea of running rival candidates against Socialist leaders.

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## Austin '7' Dies —An '8' Is Born

"The 'seven' is dead, long live the 'eight,'" cried excited motor traders when they were shown for the first time a new Austin car at the works of the company in Birmingham recently.

An event of international importance is the replacement of the Austin "Seven," first and most famous of the "baby" cars, by an entirely new "eight."

Overshadowing the much-boosted "German People's car," the new Austin was wheeled into the German Motor Show in Berlin recently.

This new Austin, the best-looking small car yet seen, is to be sold at a competitive price. The two-door four-seater saloon is £128, and there are open fourer and four-door saloon models.

The new car has a four-cylinder side-valve engine rated at 7.00 h.p., annual tax £6. The chassis is of a new type with orthodox springing, a four-speed gear-box with synchromesh on second, third and top, Girling brakes and an all-steel body.

Frontal appearance is new and distinctive, the radiator mascot serving the unusual purpose of forming the single horned catch. The steering wheel is sprung-spoked. The rear opening luggage compartment is really roomy.

The car holds the road and steers as well as any small car ever driven, and comfort, even for back-seat passengers, is excellent. Even the lights are better than average.

Maximum speed is 60 m.p.h. with really good top-gear pulling on hills. When cruising at 40 m.p.h., close on 50 miles to the gallon of petrol has been obtained. The brakes are marvellous.

## Non-Stop Operation On Baby

Special apparatus fitted to a cot in the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond-street, W.C., is performing a continuous operation on a three-week-old baby.

All the time, while the baby is sleeping, or being fed, an injection is being made in a leg vein.

The child, a girl, weighed only three pounds at birth and measured only 12 inches.

Doctors say it is a wonder that she is still alive. This is her daily treatment:

6 a.m.—Fed with half-strength human milk.

8 a.m.—Gently washed with warm olive oil. Given second feed. Then fed regularly every two hours.

6 p.m.—Gently washed with warm olive oil.

Her cot is continuously heated.



Advance guard of General Franco's Spanish Insurgent troops photographed when they reached the French border at Le Perthus, on their victorious march through Catalonia, after conquering Barcelona. Here they raise their arms in the Nationalist salute.

## "NO BAN ON THE LOWER CLASSES"

### But—Well, What Would High Society Say?

YOUTHS of about nineteen who hope one day to be British ambassadors in foreign capitals are now sending in their names to a board of selection, which will meet at the Civil Service Commission's offices in Burlington-gardens, W., on the first Tuesday in May.

Judging from previous years, about fifty names will be received. Almost without exception they will be the names of public schoolboys who have gone on to Oxford or Cambridge.

No council schoolboys, no matter how brilliant, need apply.

It is true that council schoolboys are beating the old school tie in the examinations for nearly every other branch of the Civil Service, but they are not allowed even to reach the examination room where the ambassadors-to-be are going to sit.

#### WASTE OF TIME

"It must be remembered that a diplomat has to mix on equal terms with the highest society. It would be a waste of time for a candidate to be allowed to prepare himself for the written examination if he were obviously of an unsuitable type.

There is no ban on the lower classes. Rather I would suggest that the reason why public schoolboys at Oxford and Cambridge are most successful is that these schools and universities specialize in preparing for the Diplomatic Service examinations."

Last year seven candidates passed into the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service. Their schools were Wellington, Stowe, Charterhouse, Eton, Winchester, Rugby and Kilvington Academy.

Yet in the Home Civil Service Administrative Class examination a Barry County schoolboy then at Cambridge received top marks. No public schoolboy was in the first three.

In the Indian Civil Service test a Nottingham high school boy, then at Cambridge, was top; a Southend-on-Sea high school boy was second.

All are bent on making certain that the breeding of Britain's diplomats shall follow the hallowed traditions and not be changed by the introduction of less expensively educated pedigrees.

The questions they ask candidates are never revealed.

#### MYSTERY BODY

Here is the procedure which safeguards the rigidity of the Foreign Office caste system:—

Unlike every other branch of the Civil Service where candidates must first pass a competitive examination and then appear before a selection board, candidates for the Foreign Office must satisfy the selection board before they may sit for the examination.

The board of selection is a mysterious body.

It consists of about six members. One or two may be Civil Service Commissioners. The rest are "high officials" in the Foreign Office.

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## SOS for Lifeboat

Rossare, Co. Wexford. Two airmen, Lt. Higgins and Lt. Quinlan, had narrow escapes when an Irish Air Force seaplane in which they were flying from Southampton to Baldonnel aerodrome, Dublin, came down in the sea near here recently.

Two planes were flying in formation, and when off Carnesore Point one of them developed engine trouble.

There was a strong south-east wind and a rough sea, but Lt. Higgins brought the craft safely down.

The other machine circled around, but the sea was too rough for her to attempt rescue. She sent out a wireless SOS for assistance and flew on.

Coast watchers telephoned Rossare Harbour, and the Rossare lifeboat put out.

#### IDEALLY FITTED FOR POST

In the meantime the plane was swept towards the shore at Ballybrent.

Crowds on the beach saw the plane turn broadside on record. Waves damaged its starboard wing.

The two officers donned lifebelts, got ready to jump, but succeeded in sending a line ashore with which men on the beach pulled the plane clear of the surf.

When the lifeboat reached the scene the officers sent a Morse message stating that they were out of danger.

They did all they could to safeguard the plane before abandoning it. Troops were summoned from Baldonnel to dismantle it.

public schools, again took all the Foreign Office vacancies.

#### MONEY RULE

In 1936 it was once more Winchester, Eton, Rugby and company. Yet in that year boys of working and middle-class parents swept the board in the examination for the administrative class. Forty appointments were made.

Only one went to a public school boy. For the first time on record Eton, Harrow, Rugby and Winchester all failed to win a single place. Charterhouse was alone represented.

Only one important concession to democracy has been made by the Foreign Office this century.

In 1914 the rule requiring every member of the Diplomatic Service to guarantee a private income of £400 a year was abolished.

Another change is interesting—

Eton is falling behind as the foremost nursery for diplomats. Of the eighteen ambassadors serving two years ago, thirteen were Old Etonians. But in recent years Rugby, Winchester and Charterhouse have become well represented in diplomacy.

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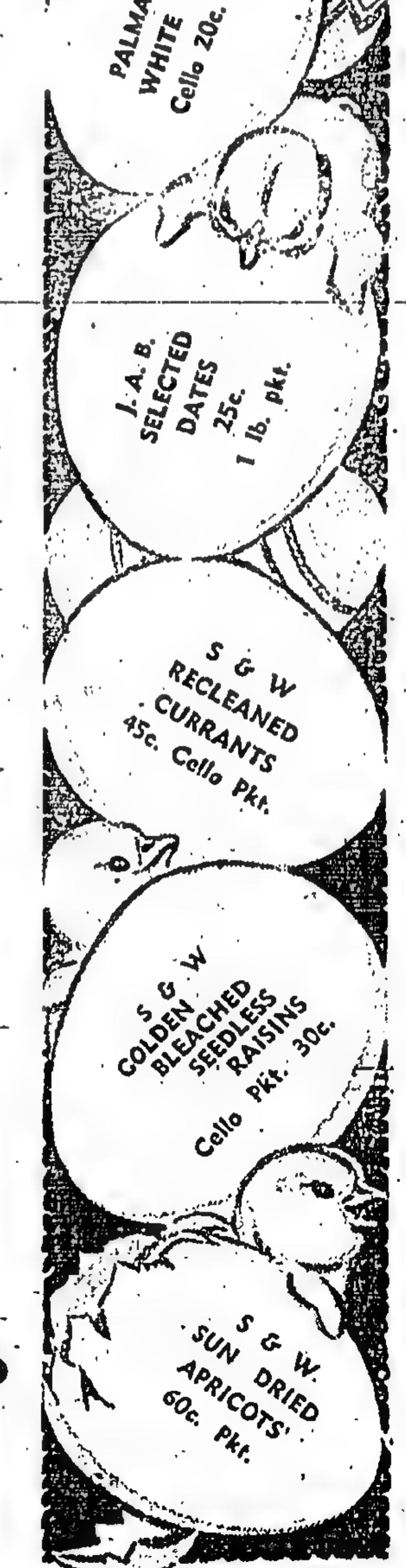
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## Franco-Rumanian Trade Pact

Paris, Mar. 30.  
A new commercial agreement between France and Rumania is being signed this evening.

Under this, France doubles her purchases of Rumanian petrol and reduces customs duties on Rumania's agricultural products.—Reuter.

### British Trade

Helsingfors, Mar. 30.  
The advantage of small nations trading with Britain was emphasised by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, when he addressed the Finnish Chamber of Commerce today.

Mr. Hudson is now having conversations here following visits to Warsaw and Moscow.

Despite the year's unemployment, Britain's present industrial output was greater than in the boom year of 1929, Mr. Hudson declared.—Reuter Special.

## Queen Mary Better

LONDON, Mar. 30.—It was stated at Marlborough House to-day that Queen Mary, who has been suffering from a cold, is better.—British Press.

### BRITISH AMBASSADOR FOR CHUNGKING

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31.—Chinese reports from Chungking state that the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, is going to Chungking in mid-April.—United Press.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—President Roosevelt has nominated ex-Senator F. H. Brown to the position of Comptroller-General, which has been vacant since 1936.—Reuter.

## G. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui Po, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Regt No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Open Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2860.	Junction of Castle Peak Road & Camp Street Shamshui Po.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	About 11,850	\$162	\$17,700

as per sale plan.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks £	1,370
H.K. Banks £	82½
Chartered £	85½
Mercantile, A. & B. £	27
Mercantile, C. £	13
East Asia \$	.80

INSURANCES	
Canton \$	220
Union \$	400
China Underwriter \$	1½
H.K. Fire \$	183

SHIPPING	
Douglas \$	70
Steamboats \$	13
Indo-Chinas \$	.60
Indo-Chinas D\$	.24
Shell Bearers \$	.81/3
Waterboats \$	9

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	11½
Docks \$	16½
Provisions \$	4.90
New Eng. Sh. \$	.670
Sh. Docks \$	101½

MINING	
Kallan \$/-	17½
Raub \$	8
Venz: Goldfield \$	3
Hongkong Minescts.	.4
Antinoks Ps. (x.d.)	30
Atoks Ps. (x.d.)	34½
Bangku Gold Ps.	12.40
Benguet Cts. Ps.	.30
Coco Grove Ps.	.003
Con Mines Ps.	.13½
Demonstrations Ps.	.102
I.X.L. Ps.	.102
Gumus Ps.	.102
San Mauricio Ps.	.194
Suyoc Consul Ps.	.07

LANDS	
Hotels \$	5½
Lands \$	.34
Land 4% deb. \$	104
Shui Lands Sh. \$	.850
Humphreys \$	.65
H.K. Realities \$	.440
Chinese Estates \$	.07

UTILITIES	
Trans. \$	16.20
Peak Trams (old) \$	8
Peak Trams (new) \$	.24
Star Ferries \$	.27½
Y. Ferries (old) \$	.24
China Lights (old) \$	.820
China Lights (new) \$	.54
H.K. Electrics \$	.68½
Macau Electrics \$	.18½
Sindakan Lights \$	.12
Telephones (old) \$	.23
Telephones (new) \$	.734
Traction \$/-	.22/6
Traction (pref) \$/-	.22/6

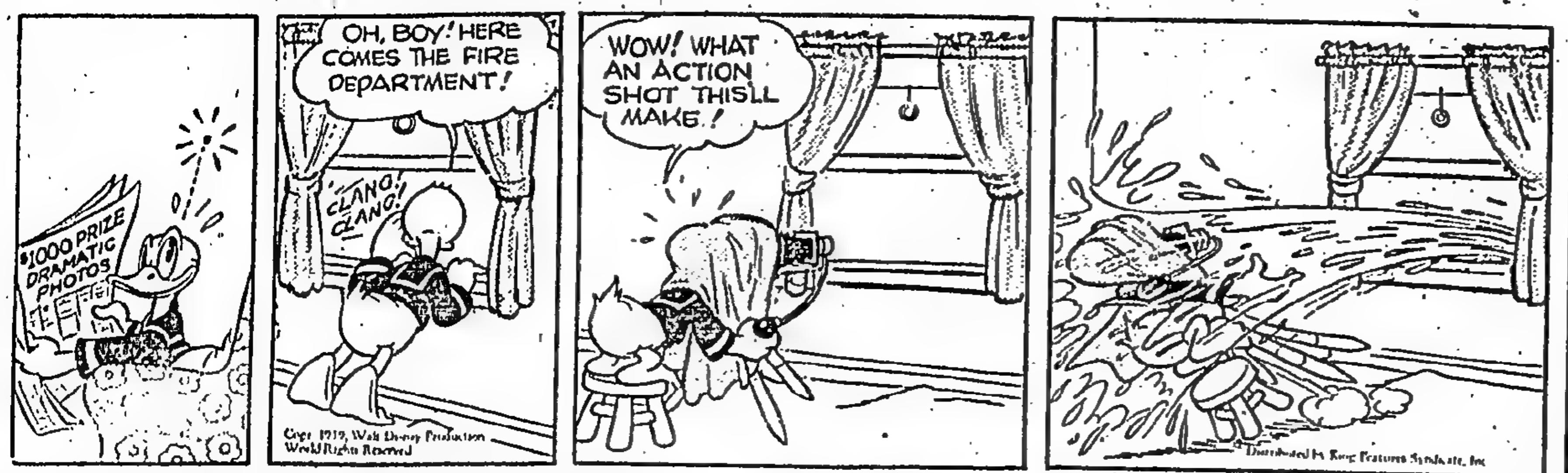
INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macq. (ord.) Sh. \$	.14
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Canton Ices \$	.1
Cements \$	.13½
H.K. Ropes (ex. d.) \$	.30

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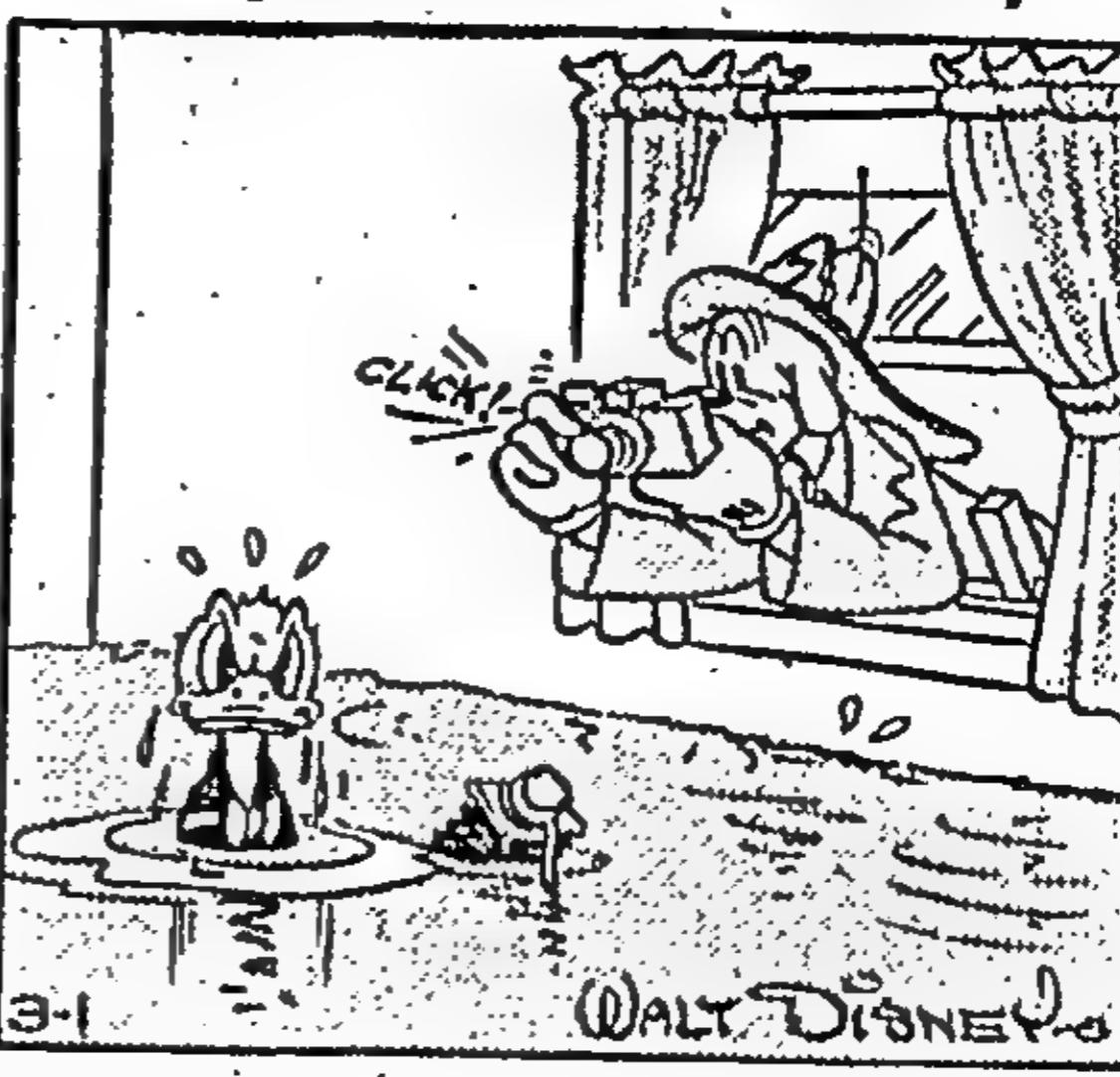



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## SECRET MEETING OF THE CABINET

LONDON, Mar. 30.

SURPRISE WAS caused by the unexpected holding of a Cabinet meeting to-day, which is believed to have been decided upon following the Prime Minister's dinner to Their Majesties last night.

At the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting, Ministers who have been more closely concerned with foreign affairs remained behind for further discussion.

Complete secrecy is maintained regarding the subject of today's meeting of the Cabinet, writes "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

There is good reason to believe, however, that the Government remains determined to maintain and develop its efforts to prevent further aggression, and that in the last 48 hours, governmental opinion has considerably hardened, especially through the nature of reports from abroad.

**Speculation**

In view of the prevailing secrecy, many reports are circulating about the form any action might take, but such reports must be regarded as speculation.

In the meantime, consultations in the various capitals, particularly in London and Paris are proceeding.

The Polish Ambassador was among callers at the Foreign Office to-day, and had a conversation there after the Cabinet meeting.

It is also reported that a full programme of official conversations and social events has been arranged for Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, who arrives in London on April 3.

The official programme terminates on April 8, when Colonel Beck may go back to Poland if circumstances require. Otherwise he will extend the visit over the Easter holidays.—Reuter.

**Conscription**

London, Mar. 30.

Questions relating to defence were addressed to the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day.

Asked if he had finally ruled out the possibility of universal service, Mr. Chamberlain replied, amidst laughter that "nothing is final in this world."

Replying to Commander Fletcher, the Premier said that the matter of stimulating recruitment for the regular army was under consideration. Commander Fletcher could rest assured that every aspect of the present situation had been, and was being kept under review by the committee for imperial defence.

Mr. Chamberlain replied "No sir," when asked by Mr. G. le M. Mander

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

## 50 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1889.  
It is reported that the Czar is surrounded by the irregular life of his brother, and that he has ordered Grand Duke Vladimir to resign the command of the guards.

## 25 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1914.  
Mr. Asquith announced that Sir John French and General Ewart persisted in resigning and His Majesty the King accepted their resignations. (Mr. Asquith became Secretary of War.)

The House was momentarily dumbfounded by the announcement, and then Ministerialists cheered frantically.

## 10 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1929.  
Wholesale executions have taken place in Canton during the past three or four days, according to reports received from the "Telegraph" correspondent there. It is stated that close upon 300 people have been shot during the campaign, the victims being all described as suspected Communists.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has commanded his troops to continue the attack against Hankow, and a big offensive on all fronts is to be made almost immediately. The general opinion is that the Wuhan resistance will collapse in a very short space of time and that the war will soon be over.

## 5 YEARS AGO

March 31, 1934.  
Another ruthless exploit has to be added to the account of the notorious gangster, John (The Killer) Dillinger, who, hunted by over fifty thousand militiamen and police since he broke out of jail on May 3, 1934, was captured in St. Paul's Minnesota, to-day.

Accompanied by a man and a woman, Dillinger was in hiding in a house in the city. The police threw a powerful armed cordon round the area. The three desperados shot their way through the cordon, with the use of a machine-gun, and escaped in a motor-car.

The papers continue to give no clue to official opinion on the Government's intentions with regard to Poland.—Reuter.

The following appointments were gazetted:

Captain R. D. Walker, M.C., to act as Manager and Chief Engineer of the Kowloon-Canton-Railway.

Mr. C. C. Knight to be Member of the Harbour Advisory Committee, vice Mr. A. H. Cameron, recently deceased.

The Hon. Mr. T. S. See-wan, O.B.E., LL.D., and the Rev. Frank Short nee, members of the Board of Education for further period of two years.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., to be a Member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.

Mr. C. C. Knight as a member of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years.

Mr. J. J. Paterson to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council in succession to Mr. B. D. F. Beith.

Commander Frank Elliot, O.B.E., officially handed H.M.S. Cornflower over to the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Reserve on Saturday morning. The ceremony was most impressive. Commander Elliot, who was accompanied by Paymaster Commander F. R. Porter, H.N., was met at the gangway by Lieut.-Comdr. H. F. E. Skyrme, R.N., Officer Instructor to the Force, and Lieut.-Comdr. H. S. Rouse, the Commanding Officer of the Volunteers. He then inspected the guard of Royal Marines from H.M.S. *Marlborough*.

Mr. H. A. Butler replied that Viscount Halifax had seen reports of such propaganda, but he had not yet received official confirmation.—Reuter.

## DOOMSDAY BOOK

Police Denial of Organised Watch on Europeans

The police yesterday issued a denial of the story published a few days ago that they had obtained from an arrested man a list of European residents in Kowloon whom a gang of men was planning to rob. The police state that no such document has come into their possession and that there is no truth in the story.

The Messageries Maritimes liner *Yangtze* arrived in port from Shanghai yesterday afternoon with one of her propeller blades missing.

The loss of the blade was discovered on Tuesday, when the ship was about 200 miles from Hongkong.

The ship, which was fogbound at Wangan yesterday morning, is now unloading cargo at the Kowloon wharves, and will enter Takuoo Dock as soon as this is completed.

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### MARRIAGE

WHITTINGTON—SCRIVEN, On December 7, 1938, at Caxton Hall, London, Charles Contes, Whittington of Nigeria, British West Africa, to Jessie Francis Scriven, (nee Stokes), of Hong Kong and London.

**The Hongkong Telegraph.**  
Wyndham St., Hongkong  
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March 31, 1939

### Spain's Last Phase

THE LAST mighty act of the Spanish drama is over. The curtain falls on Republican Spain. Almost without the firing of a shot Madrid, Valencia and other great cities have been occupied.

The last three months of war have not disgraced the Republicans. But it has convinced them that their cause, however bravely upheld, had no chance against overwhelming material odds.

To-day, General Franco is Spain's master. He alone can spare Spain further agony—the agony of reprisals.

It is General Franco, too, who can lay to rest the uneasiness that is still felt in Europe regarding his country. He knows that one of the essential preliminaries to confidence is to send his foreign supporters out of the country.

He intimated to the British Government that he will request the withdrawal of all foreign volunteers...immediately after the war has passed its decisive phase."

He cannot but adjudge that to have arrived now, or to be at hand.

There is no reason for doubting that Italy, General Franco's chief backer, will be unwilling for her legionaries to return home.

When Mr. Chamberlain was in Rome, Signor Mussolini renewed his assurances that Italy had "no territorial or political aims," and desired "no privileged economic position" in Spain.

The Italian auxiliaries can no longer be maintained in war-torn Spain on the plea that France is helping the Republicans.

The whole world will feel relief at the proclamation ending the war that has lasted almost a thousand days.

But it will feel far greater relief when it knows that Italy's troops have returned to their own country, and Spain is again her own master.

So long as the Italians now remain there will be danger to the peace of western Europe.

Neither Britain nor France can allow them to remain.

## The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World But what if the Cradle is Empty?

Britain's cradles have been getting more and more empty for the past 60 years. And no one is able to give a satisfactory explanation for this fact or devise a practical solution.

YOUNG men and women, of course, still look yearningly into each other's eyes, hold hands, fall in love, get married—but the cradle industry continues to sink deeper and deeper into its slump.

Families of one or two children are the average, and the normal seven or eight of Victorian days is looked upon as unusual. Yet all the time the business of being a mother is being made both safer and easier for women, and a thousand times less painful than a century ago, when the patriotic mammas of Britain were automatically replacing the population every year.

When I think of the beautiful and childless young wife who told me the other day that "Having a baby is such a bore!" I am apt to blame her attitude.

But the real blame belongs to a mysterious biological phenomenon which has swept across Europe (carefully avoiding Russia) like a Pied Piper with all the storks behind him—a phenomenon only partially connected with what is euphemistically called Birth Control, but is more accurately prevention.

Now Britain is going to add this problem to all the other problems which it still has left to solve.

THEY are faced with the fact that by 1976 the population of Great Britain will—if the birth-rate stops falling and remains at its present level—have sunk from 45 millions to 33 millions.

"A very good thing too," said a man looking over my shoulder as I wrote the above paragraph. "We're over-populated, and that's why we've got so many unemployed."

Unfortunately it doesn't work out that way at all. I can give you a lot of figures to prove this somewhat obvious fact, but they are rather boring, and what I really want to write about is the way the Government intend to fill the cradles of the nation.

They have precedents to work on.

About the only continuing feature of the birth-rate problem is that France, Germany, Italy, and the United States are all in the same boat with us.

Italy and Germany—being what they are—have attempted several ingenious ways of dictating to nature.

Whether you can bully-the-stork-into-getting-back-to-its-work is a question best answered by seeing what Messrs. Mussolini and Hitler have accomplished.

In 1927 he told Italy that its

cradles would have to be filled more quickly if Italy was going to be a really great Power.

Upon which, bachelors were immediately penalised in blunt fashion; their income tax was doubled and the money thus obtained was distributed to deserving mothers.

A sort of Santa Claus atmosphere pervaded the whole marriage association, from the honeymoon and holiday trips to Rome all the way down to pats on the heads for little children at the hands of Fascist dignitaries—and even the Duce himself.

And what happened?

During the first six months of 1935 there were actually 9,000 fewer babies born than during the previous six months!

Puzzle it out for yourself, for you are as likely to be as right as the leading economists and biological experts.

But I confess to thinking that there is something rather whimsical about all the unborn little toddlers cocking a snoot at Mussolini's imperative demands.

WELL, the birthrate in Italy continues to fall; let's cross the Alps and see what Adolf Hitler's baby exports have accomplished.



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## WANTED: A Hundred Thousand Mothers

Germany started her "More Babies—By Order" campaign in this birth-rate business, for with all the benefit of Italy's it marks the start of European decline) there had been 39 children of birth control as a young man.

She wanted more children for dren born for every 1,000 of the one of the same reasons that population.

Italy (and Britain, too) wanted When Hitler came into power them; to have them ready when there were only 15 babies per and if colonisation begins; and thousand in a year—which is (unlike Britain) for use in the half a baby more than the present rate in Britain.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichy



"Are you a parent, too, or just an authority?"

THE German newspapers were first flooded with articles enticing young women to get married and do their duty.

"The German woman must not only be healthy and strong," ran one article, "but must be willing to give her life for the Fatherland on the bed of childbirth just as our soldiers do on the battlefield."

There were more attractive propositions, too; you could read about "Why Geniuses Always Spring From Large Families," and articles on "Why The Happiest Mothers Are Those with BIG Families."

Every time a baby was born in Berlin the bell in the Doornhoff Square was rung and lucky mothers could have medals pinned to their breasts, testifying to their loyalty to the Fuehrer and the Reich. Tax reductions, lower railway fares, bureaucratic appointments for virile fathers were also featured in this scheme to enrich the nation with hundreds of thousands of new-born yell.

Lovers were encouraged by 600 mark loans to put their mutual affection to practical purpose, more than 150 million marks being set aside each year for this worthy purpose.

The whole business seemed as fool-proof as the Hindenburg Line.

And what happened? Marriages (the Germans being an obedient race) leaped up 200,000 in two years; births increased by 180,000 in the same period. But the balance is not adjusted, and if the ratio does not continue to increase Germany's 66,000,000 will have sunk to well below 50,000,000 by 1976.

France has for so long been moaned its falling birth-rate that it has become Europe's horrid example.

The French do not take kindly to belabouring propaganda, but they might be encouraged to know that their rate is not falling off half as rapidly as our own in this country, where we have dropped from 22 babies per 1,000 of population to 14 since the war.

But now it's going to be our turn to regiment the nursery.

From the Italian and German experiments there emerges for

(Continued on Page 11.)

## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Making Themselves Ready For Battle

## NEW MOVES BY FOUR NATIONS

Worcester, Mar. 30. Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the gathering at the American Navy dinner-to-night, said that the United States' rearmament programme was the only means of meeting possible foreign aggression against the United States, its territories or possessions.

"The United States' counts upon no allies," he said, "and obviously, this time, upon no system of collective security."

Admiral Leahy assailed foreign organizations in the United States which expressed principles running counter to the system of free government, but said such groups must be allowed to meet within limits. He added that if such activities became clearly subversive, that is if they struck at the very foundations of the government or national defense, then they would have to be eradicated as cancers on the body of politics.—United Press.

### FRENCH ARMY GROWS Intention to Make Colonies Self-Protective

Paris, Mar. 30. The Minister for Colonies, M. Mandel, announced to-day that the strength of the colonial army had doubled last year and in the future would be able to protect distant possessions from surprise attacks. The defence of the Empire, he said, would continue to improve for the Government intended to make the colonies self-protective.—Reuter Special.

### NORWAY'S DEFENCE

Parliament to be Asked For Increased Vote

Oslo, Mar. 30. The Norwegian Government will, according to informed quarters here, shortly demand the Storting to make an appropriation of 50,000,000 kroner for extraordinary expenses necessitated by the strengthening of national defence.

It is pointed out in the same quarters that although the Premier recently declined to envisage augmentation of the military budget, the growing international tension has led to revision of this attitude, and the Government would therefore request the Storting to vote funds now regarded as indispensable.—Trans-Ocean.

### SOVIET SUBMARINES

Brought to Far East By Ship and Train

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Answering questions by foreign correspondents, Rear-Admiral Masao Kanasawa, Chief of the Publicity Department of the Navy Ministry, pointed out to-day that most of the Soviet submarines in the Far East have been constructed in European Russia and brought by railway or steamer to Vladivostok.

Admitting that some of them might have been built at Vladivostok, the spokesman said that despite Press reports, the number of Soviet submarines brought to the Far East by sea must be very small.

A Press message from Singapore recently said that Soviet submarines were observed passing off Singapore en route to Vladivostok from Europe.

The spokesman said that Soviet submarines apparently consisted of two classes, one of 1,200 tons and the other of 800 tons.—Domei.

## Il Duce On Tour

Rome, Mar. 30. Signor Mussolini arrived by special train this morning in Calabria in fulfilment of the promise made last autumn to tour this district forming the southern extremity of Italy. He is accompanied by two members of the Cabinet, Count Starace and Signor Alcibi, and his private secretary.

Il Duce will begin his tour at the coastal town of Paola, proceeding first to Belmonte, where he will place a wreath on the grave of Michele Bianchi, the first general secretary of the Fascist Party, and afterwards he will drive to Cosenza, the capital of Calabria.—Trans-Ocean.

## Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

apposite	misaddress
mischievous	shadygaf
apothecary	misalliance
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 4.	

### Spain

## Franco Completes Conquest

Paris, Mar. 30. The Nationalist Spanish fleet, which entered Cartagena this morning to take over Spain's main naval base, found the biggest battleship, Jamie Primero, half submerged and three partly built submarines rustling in the shipyards.

Motorized troops entered Segunda and took over important blast furnaces to prevent sabotage.

It is officially confirmed that the Nationalists took over Valencia, Almeria, Jaen, Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Gundalajara, but they have still to occupy Alicante and Murcia.

Antonio Moforda has been designated Governor of Valencia. Civil guards support the administration and an 8 p.m. curfew is in force.

—United Press.

### REPUBLICANS FLEE

Valencia, Mar. 30. Valencia was completely in the hands of the Nationalists last evening. The celebrations in the streets still continue, although they appear to be diminishing.

The Nationalists have now infiltrated a huge circle round Madrid and also big section of the coastal region around Valencia. They advanced to Murcia and continued south-east towards the coast. It is reliably stated that it will be at least a few days before the Nationalist troops move northward from the Murcia region. They delay in military occupation will leave the port of Alicante, in addition to Gandia, open for the exodus of at least a portion of those wishing to leave.—United Press.

Republican Refugees

Paris, Mar. 30. General Mlaja, former commander-in-chief of the Republican Spanish forces, according to French press reports, arrived yesterday by plane from Valencia at Oran. He arrived unaccompanied and fell asleep immediately because he had not rested the last three days of his flight from Madrid.

Seven more Republican army planes arrived yesterday at the Oran airport with 54 Spanish officers.

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### Spain

## Man in Iron Lung

Miami, Mar. 30. Mrs. Fred Snite, Sen., mother of the "man in the iron lung," Fred Snite Jun., said to-day that she had no knowledge of the reported plans to take her son to Europe in the summer. She said she would know nothing definite until her husband's return from abroad.—United Press.

Snite, son of a millionaire, was stricken with infantile paralysis while on a tour of China in 1937 and was immediately placed in a respirator apparatus.

### Poland

## BRITISH GUARANTEE HINTED

London, Mar. 30. Negotiations between London and Warsaw for the establishment of closer relations between Britain and Poland in connection with certain British guarantees for the integrity of Polish territory are stated in well-informed circles here to have made considerable progress.

Polish quarters affirm that the British Government is prepared to accede to the Polish Government's wishes in respect of exclusion of the Soviet Union from the negotiations for drawing up of a declaration against aggression, and in the same quarters the belief prevails that a complete agreement between London and Warsaw will be reached before the arrival here of the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, on April 4. In this case, it is added, Colonel Beck's negotiations would be concerned in the first place with practical carrying out of the British guarantees.

An important British loan to Poland for the purpose of strengthening Polish armaments is also stated to be under serious consideration and the sum of £20,000,000 is mentioned in this connection.

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### Japan

## Mobilising Country's Labour

Tokyo, Mar. 30. A new Imperial Ordinance will be promulgated on March 31 involving Articles VI and XXII of the National General Mobilisation Act designed to control employment of skilled labour and juvenile workers.

Article VI will be effective on April 20 and Article XXII as from May 5. Under Article VI, restrictions are imposed on the employment of skilled workers so as to adjust the demand for skilled labour, while under Article XXII, the owners of factories employing more than 200 hands are compelled to train juvenile workers between the ages of 14 and 17 in technical and moral courses for a period of three years.

Article XVII restricting the dividends of business corporations, will be invoked on April 1. Business corporations paying high dividends are to maintain the present rate. If they want to increase it more than two per cent, they are to obtain Government permission.—Domei.

### National Thrift Drive

Tokyo, Mar. 30. The National Thrift Drive, which aimed to increase popular savings by Yen 8,000,000,000 during the current fiscal year ending March 31, has resulted in the increase of Yen 6,050,000,000 in ordinary bank and postal savings deposits up to the end of February.

With the increase in bank deposits for the month of March reckoned at Yen 650,000,000, the figure for the corresponding month last year, the increase for the year will amount to about Yen 7,300,000,000, falling short of the mark set by Yen 700,000,000.

The National Thrift Drive for the next fiscal year beginning April 1 will aim to reach Yen 10,000,000,000.

In the current fiscal year, the Government issued Yen 4,100,000,000 bonds with Yen 30,000,000 still to be issued, while the next financial year will witness the issue of Yen 5,000,000,000 bonds in addition to a further Yen 2,000,000,000 unsold during the current fiscal year.

### SITUATION DISCUSSED

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Baron Hiranuma called on Prince Fumimaro Konoye, President of the Privy Council and concurrently Minister without Portfolio, and it is understood discussed various phases of the current political situations at home and abroad.

Prince Konoye will return the visit to Baron Hiranuma on Saturday.—Domei.

### Resigns from Cabinet

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Mr. Seigo Nakano, Director of the Tohoku, minority political party, yesterday sent in his resignation as a member of the House of Representatives.

To the Press Mr. Nakano said that he would devote himself to the organisation of a new national movement.

He said that the entire responsibility rested with him for the recent abortive movement for forming a new political party by amalgamating the Social Mass Party and the Tohoku.

Referring to his recent tour of China, Mr. Nakano said that as the result of his personal associations with the officers and men in action, he observed amid the chaos on the spot new hope gradually growing for the settlement of the situation.

He was firmly convinced that it was the vigour of youths that was leading Japan to a new restoration.

The vigour of the rising generation formed the keynote to the construction of a new order in East Asia, and he would like to take the initiative in launching a "basic movement" on which the future of Japan would hinge.

He hoped that the movement would command itself to youths in Manchukuo, China, India, Burma and other parts of East Asia.

The Tohoku is threatened with a serious split as there is more than one member likely to withdraw.

### Party Disorganized

Tokyo, Mar. 30. The Tohoku, a minor political party following an emergency meeting at Mr. Nakano's residence this morning, has formally decided to disorganise its group in the Diet and strive for the inauguration of a "basic national movement" in the interest of the rising generation of Japan.—Domei.

### PRINCE CHICHIBU

Tokyo, Mar. 30. Prince Chichibu, younger brother of the Emperor, was the guest of honour at a banquet given by the Manchukuo Ambassador, Mr. Yuan Chen-yu, on Wednesday night in celebration of Manchukuo's admission to the tripartite anti-Comintern pact.

Herr Eugen Ott, the German Ambassador, and Signor Giacinto Ariti, the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Hachiro Araki, the Foreign Minister, General Iitoku, the Minister of War, Admiral Yamada, the Minister of Navy, and other distinguished personalities attended the function.—Domei.

### CONTINENTAL

The Sturdy Portable

NEWCASTLE, Australia

An aerial pageant which will be directed entirely by women, from pilots to ground organisation, is being prepared by the Newcastle Women's Flying club. Twenty of the 40 members of the club are training for the event.

### Women To Hold Air Show

# ENJOYABLE RACING IN MACAO EXPECTED ON SUNDAY

## ENTRIES UP TO MARK IN APRIL MEET OF CLUB

### SPECIAL DOLLAR SWEEP ON GOVERNOR'S CUP

(By "Captain Foster")

Very satisfactory entries have been received for the April Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Areea Preta on Sunday. I understand that the s.s. Taisan will be on the run. The time of her departure is not yet advertised, but it must no doubt be the usual 9.30 a.m.

With the curtain dropped down at Kunui, Sunday holiday makers and followers of the turf will no doubt look forward to Macao to provide them with a good day's sport among the lower classes of China ponies.

The Macao Jockey Club has left no stone unturned, for in addition to the major contests like the Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency the Macao Governor, there will be a cup to the most successful jockey who scores the highest points, five for a win, two for a second and one for a third.

There are seven attractive events on the card, a special dollar cash sweep being conducted on the Governor's Cup which is the sixth race on the programme. No provision has been made for an "E" class event to be contested at Happy Valley during the Easter session with the result that the Highfield Handicap has been divided into two sections owing to the many entries received for the race over the mile.

### Fairy Ousel Favoured To Win Event

The opening event will be the Rainton Handicap for China ponies "Y" class of any season that have not won more than \$500 in stakes since January and the run is over the six furlongs' course. It will be an interesting race, for it will be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than ten events. Both Fairy Ousel and Victory Life are at the head of the assessment, but I doubt whether the latter will accept as I have been given to understand that the owner wants to have a go at the Governor's Cup. I like Fairy Ousel, but Gold Clause is a danger provided of course he does not act the goat. The latter is a good buck jumper and I can still visualise how he unseated Mr. "Pinky" Botelho in the Ilha Verde Handicap on September 12, 1937. The jockey had to carry off for a few months on account of a dislocated collar bone. Merry Party is not a bad outsider provided Mr. Cooper can get down to the alment of 140 lbs.

### Nine Ponies Assigned To First Section

The weight controller has assigned nine China ponies to the first section of the Highfield Handicap over a



Lim Thiam-tet entered the quarter-finals of the Colony tennis singles championship yesterday by beating E. C. Fincher in two hard-fought sets. On the whole he showed good all-round form.

### Rugby League Tie Won By Barrow

London, Mar. 30.  
In the Rugby League Barrow defeated Widnes by 9-2 to-day.—Reuter.

This brownie is very fond of twitching his tail and it is earnestly hoped that he will not shut up like a knife when coming round the bend for the home stretch. I am afraid that High Tower is not a nice animal to ride, for he is very fond of running in and out. The Spirit of St. Louis lacks speed and energy.

### A Good Field Expected For Fulwell H'cap

I expect to see a good field in the Fulwell Handicap and we shall see a good fight among the "Y" class ponies over a sprint of six furlongs. Double Chance, Flybynight, Gold Sovereign and Good Morning do not require any formal introduction, for all of them have done well in the Portuguese course. I may be wrong, but I will only consider the chance of Flybynight if the pony is ridden by Mr. Peter Wells. In the Kancu Handicap run on January 8, Gold Sovereign, the winner, and Good Morning, who finished behind, were on the same level, but on Sunday the former has to concede 7 lbs. of lead and in the circumstances the English gold coin appeals to me as a better racer. Of course the opposition comes from, I think, Double Chance who has been kindly treated. The last named with Mr. Needa ran a good second behind Salvage Master in the Royal Navy Cup beating

### MAIN RACE SHOULD SEE GOOD FIGHT

The Governor's Cup presented by His Excellency Dr. A. T. de Sousa Barbosa is a handicap jaunt among the "Y" class China ponies over the mile course and the event has to be completed every six months during Spring and Autumn. The pony, Merry Doer, which annexed this event last May, is not in existence, but Shanghai 4, the Autumn winner, is among the 11 entries. There is no doubt that Shanghai 4 has been on the wane since he returned from the walking list after the renumeration in 1938. After capturing the Governor's Cup with Mr. Encarnacao in the saddle of the fall, I was sanguine, in fact held out hopes, that Mr. Potts' champion would stage a comeback, but the last three subsequent outings of the Macao pride were very disappointing displays. His last unplaced running in the Chungking Cup before the Chinese New Year was certainly not due to the encumbrance of the avoidable post; and Shanghai 4 has been asked to carry only 146 lbs. on Sunday against 160 lbs. to be shouldered by Fairy Auk belonging to Mrs. F. J. Gellion. A drop of 10 lbs. in favour of the old warrior seems to suggest that the weight adjuster has let the pony in or perhaps he intends to put a full stop to Fairy Auk's success.

Shanghai 4 made his first appearance in the Tain Shan Plate (one furlong) run on September 13, 1938, and with Mr. Dotz up the combination romped home first with a few pounds to spare. It will be interesting to recall that in the same afternoon the grey gelding (it was

then owned by Mr. J. A. Victor) weighed out for Pao Shan Plate over seven furlongs and the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club ordered the charge to carry 7 lbs. extra. It was learned that the extra poundage was incurred on account of the pony winning the Tain Shan Plate, and not unfortunately the owner Mr. J. A. Victor protested, but got no redress.

The conditions of the Pao Shan Plate were:

"For China Ponies, subscription ponies of this club, 1938. Weight for inches as per scale."

It must be borne in mind that the race referred to (Pao Shan Plate) was an open event (not a handicap) and in the circumstance the additional allotment of poundage by the Stewards was unparalleled in the annals of racing along the China coast ports. Luckily the impost of 7 lbs. on Shanghai 4 gave us the best race of the afternoon, for he just managed to secure the verdict by a short head. From that day onwards Shanghai 4 has always been on the crest of the handicap, but let us see what he will do on Sunday with only 146 lbs. My fancy is Fairy Auk.

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### FORMER PERAK CHAMPION IMPRESSES ON STAND COURT

### LIM THIAM-TET BEATS FINCHER IN TWO SETS

(By "Abo")

Playing as well as he has done of late, E. C. Fincher found yesterday that this was not good enough when he met Lim Thiam-tet, former champion of Perak, in the third round of the Colony tennis singles championship on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and was defeated by 8-6, 10-8. As a result of this victory, Lim enters the quarter-finals.

The scores give a good indication of how close the match was throughout. True, Fincher might have taken the first set but he badly misjudged a ball which was going outside at a crucial moment and the opportunity never came back again. That Fincher was the more experienced player of the two was obvious right through the match, but his execution very often was faulty.

On the other hand, Lim, who made his debut on the stand court, had all his strokes, except one, beautifully under control. His drive was in almost perfect order on both wings, and though he seldom went up to the net, when he was forced to do so he showed he had quite a reliable volley and smash.

But for some inexplicable reason he persisted with a drop shot which, against another player, might have had the effects of "boomerang". He has not yet perfected the shot and probably would do well to discard it in tournament play. As it was yesterday, Fincher got to the ball nine times out of ten and should have scored more winners with his return shots than he actually did.

One has to admit, however, that when Fincher failed to make an outright winner of his return, Lim possessed him with splendid drives down the lines or beat him with a finely-judged lob.

**NOT A WINNER.**  
On the whole, one formed the impression that Lim did not use the drop shot with which to score winners but as a means to lure Fincher up to the net. If this is correct, then he certainly succeeded.

In all other departments of the game, however, Lim seems to be extremely well-equipped. He requires no real weakness in yesterday's match, and I could not help thinking that he would have been more effective had he forsaken his drop-shot for straight-honest-to-goodness tennis. He was footfaultered a couple of times in his service, and though affected by this to a certain extent he showed he had the right temperament by getting over it quickly.

Fincher started off the match as if he meant business and, playing extremely well, he won the first two games. Lim settled down after this and took a lead of 5-3. At this stage, he was footfaultered and he quickly dropped the next three games. But he recovered just in time, thanks to an error of judgment by Fincher. Leading 8-5 and the scores decided, Fincher took a ball which would have gone out by a yard,

and then won the next point. Had he left the ball go by in the previous stroke, the set would have been his!

The second set was again a ding-dong affair, with victory going to the Chinese in the 18th game.

**OTHER MATCHES**

Tsui Wai-pui, the holder of the singles title, had a bit of practice in his third-round tie with Wong Shiu-wing, a club-mate, and won in straight sets, conceding only five games.

On an adjoining court a marathon match was played between I. M. A.

### Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

#### Open Singles

Lim Thiam-tet beat E. C. Fincher 8-6, 10-8.  
Tsui Wai-pui (holder) beat Wong Shiu-wing 6-3, 6-2.  
I. M. A. Razack beat Luk Chun-cheung 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

#### Open Doubles

Major F. C. Nottingham and Capt. R. B. Lecky received a walk-over from Lt. Col. Newnham and Major Balnos.

Razack and Luk Chun-cheung. The game was reduced to a test of stamina and the Indian, because of his greater lasting power, won after three sets.

In the final set with the scores deadlocked at 6-6, spectators were amazed to see Luk being given a rub-down by friends, thus breaking one of the most important rules of the game. But his five-minutes' rest was of no avail.

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Open Singles—J. M. Tomlinson v. W. J. Howard; J. W. Leonard v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Open Doubles—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. Paul Kong and Szeto Black.

### Both Crews Considered To Be Below Average

#### Golf

### H. COTTON NOW LEADS 3 STROKES

London, Mar. 30.  
At Bournemouth to-day, Henry Cotton, with an aggregate of 144 over 36 holes, led the field at the end of the second round in the Daily Mail Professional Golf Tournament.

Cotton had a 75 to-day and is three strokes ahead of Dai Rees. Next are G. Knight, C. A. Whitcombe and A. Compston with aggregates of 146.

Others include Reginald Whitcombe 151, Cecil Denney (who led with Cotton in the first round) 154, and Alfred Perry 155.

Forty-nine players with aggregates of 158 or better qualified for Friday's final 36 holes.—Reuter.

consistently by rough conditions.

There seems little to choose between them. Oxford is heavier and more powerful, but it is doubtful whether she can retain the balance when striking quickly. Cambridge with a quick-stroking and well-balanced crew has reached the peak of preparation at a psychological moment and shown fine watermanship in heavy water.—Reuter.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

## Tennis League Players To Be Registered

### Decision Reached At Annual Meeting Of Hongkong Association

Two important resolutions were carried unanimously at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association in the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, yesterday evening.

They were:

1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the Officers of the Association i.e. the President, the Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, and of four other members.

This regulation will displace Regulation 4 (a) of the Association's regulations.

2. "Four players must be registered for each team in each Division except the lowest ("D" Division), at least one week before the commencement of the League (May 16)." The four registered players shall not be allowed to play in any lower Division than that for which they are registered in the same season.

This regulation will be known as Rule 7 of the New Rules (Lague).

His Honour, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, President, said that there was little to comment on in the annual report. The Association had on the whole enjoyed an uneventful year, but one not without interest.

The wonderful success of Chinese Recreation Club, who won every Division except "D" deserved the highest credit. In the "A," "B," "C" and Mixed Doubles Divisions they won every match played and won 2234 sets as against only 3714 by their various opponents. This, the President said was "an record for which they can be justly proud, and we wish them our most hearty congratulations."

"But congratulations are also due to K.T.G.C.A., who won "D" Division without losing a match and were runners up in the "C" Division, being only two points behind the winners."

"By and large, I think the standard of lawn tennis in the Colony is improving as more and more of the younger generation come into the limelight and here the League and Colony Championships help considerably."

"It is a great handicap, however, to those who have reached the top of the tree that they have so little opportunity of meeting and being beaten by better players. Once a local player knows himself good enough to beat any other local player, it is almost inevitable that his game, so far from improving, will begin to deteriorate."

"Exhibition games in which foreign visitors such as Von Cramm and Henkel, in 1937, and last year the four Americans, who took part, provide more valuable object lessons, especially as to the possibilities of the serve—weapon which is too much neglected in Hongkong—but the visits of these players are too fleeting, and too few and far between, to be able to raise our standard very high."

#### FAR EAST TOURNEY

"Here too the enterprise of the Law Tennis Federation of Coochin-China in organising the annual Championships of the Far East is most welcome."

"We were very glad at the year-end to be able to accept their invitation to their first tournament, but, unfortunately, the band of three who were able to secure leave, and make the trip did not include a Tsui or a RumJahn."

"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Federation most gratefully for their courtesy in inviting our participation and for their entertainment of our players. We hope to send down a more fully representative team next year."

"Turning to the working account. There is practically nothing for comment. Our income just covered our expenses, in which the only item of interest is the cost of the passages of our three players to Saigon during the year end—\$105. On the asset side of the balance sheet we show \$100 due as for the Federation of Coochin-China in respect of the return passage of the same players, and this sum has since been paid."

#### 1939 OFFICERS

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, for the 10th year in succession.

Vice-President—Mr. M. W. Lo, in place of Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, who is leaving the Colony next month.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. T. A. Pearce, in place of Mr. C. J. Tacchi, who is at home on long leave.

### Clipper Crosses Atlantic

Lisbon, Mar. 30.

The Yankee Clipper which left the Azores this morning arrived here at 4.15 p.m.

The Clipper is on a survey flight across the South Atlantic, and is bound for Southampton—Reuters.



Louis Hayward, Alan Curtis and Richard Carlson join in a pep talk prior to the big ice hockey game which culminates the action of Edward Small's "Duke of West Point" showing at King's Theatre on Sunday.

### Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow.

#### Home Winners

Arsenal  
Derby  
Everton  
Manchester C.  
Sheffield Wed.

Wrexham  
Newport  
Port Vale  
Hearts

#### Optional Selections

Huddersfield  
Sunderland  
Fulham  
Swansea  
Bristol C.

### Keen Bouts Witnessed In Army Boxing

Some keen bouts were witnessed at the finals of the Hongkong Area Inter-Unit open Boxing Championship held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuiipo, last night.

The finalists were the 1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment, and the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots.

The Middlesex Regiment came out easy winners, winning 13 out of the 15 bouts.

L/C. Noble and L/C. McCraig were featured in the best scrap of the evening, both fighters going for each other right from the start. Noble winning with a knock out in the second round. L/C. Morley and L/C. Ritchie were the only winners for the Royal Scots.

The G. O. C., Major General A. E. Gressett, presented the prizes at the conclusion of the bouts, and congratulated the winners for putting up a splendid display.

The officials were: Captain E. H. Bell (Referee), Captain F. Sale and Captain W. B. Wilson (Judges), Rev. S. Hinchliffe (Timekeeper), and G. S. M. Estall (M.C.).

Bantamweight—Pte. Hope (Mid.) beat Bde. Bailey.

Featherweight—(1st. String) L/C. Noble (Mid.) knocked out L/C. McCraig, 2nd round; (2nd. String) L/C. Phillips (Mid.) beat Pte. Bonner.

Light Weight—(1st. String) Cpl. Ellis (Mid.) beat L/C. Barker, tko. (2nd. String) L/C. Morley (R.S.) knocked out Pte. Gribble, 1st round.

Welter Weight—(1st. String) Cpl. McDonald (Mid.) beat Cpl. Elliott.

(Mid. String) L/C. Ritchie (R.S.) beat Cpl. Holdford; (3rd. String) Pte. Starkey (Mid.) beat Pte. Manson.

Middleweight—(1st. String) L/C. Webster (Mid.) beat Bde. Emerson.

(2nd. String) Pte. Haweell (Mid.)

### Cricket

### Engineers Held To Draw By School

The Royal Engineers drew with the Diocesan Boys' School in a friendly cricket match played at Stookuppo on Wednesday last.

The Engineers batted first, and although their opening batsmen were rather slow, they compiled 151 for eight wickets in just under two hours.

Against the brilliant bowling of Cpl. Denyer, the Schoolboys could do little, and but for Hutchinson, who hit 20 not out, they would probably have been defeated.

A feature of the match was the performance of Denyer, who scored 43 and took six wickets for 25.

Scores: Royal Engineers  
Q. M. S. Goodger, c and b Cheung  
Sgt. Carpenter, c Cheung  
Spr. Denyer, b Prata  
L/Cpl. Milestone, b Cheung  
L/Cpl. Milestone, b Prata  
Spr. Gates, not out  
Spr. Watt, b Prata

Total for 8 wkt. dec. Bowling Analysis: O. M. R. W.

Hutchinson ..... 12 4 37

Cheung ..... 11 4 30

Goodger ..... 3 0 0

Macaulay ..... 10 0 0

Diocesan Boys' School

A. J. Fisher, c sub, b Denyer

Pratt, l.b.w. Goodger

Gordhan, l.b.w. Denyer

Hutchinson, l.b.w. Denyer

Macaulay, c Carpenter b Denyer

Fenton, b Denyer

Cheung, not out

Pratt, b Denyer

Total for 7 wkt. dec. Bowling Analysis: O. M. R. W.

Goodger ..... 8 3 10

Denyer ..... 12 1 1

Gates ..... 2 0 0

Milestone ..... 1 0 0

Craigengower TEAMS

The following will represent the Craigengower C.C. first eleven in their League cricket match against the Hongkong C.C. to-morrow: E. Zimmerman (Capt.), F. Zimmerman, D. Hung, W. Prater, G. Souza, B. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmaili, A. K. Ismaili, A. B. Homson and W. Hong Sling.

The second eleven, also against the Hongkong C.C., will be represented by: B. I. Irace (Capt.), J. L. Youngcayce, G. Winch, W. K. Way, J. W. Leonard, N. Broadbridge, C. W. Lam, M. C. Hung, U. Esmaili, T. Lim and T. Locke.

**HOCKEY MATCH**

### EXCITING BADMINTON PROMISED

#### Varsity, Recreio To Play Off

Exciting badminton is expected to be seen at Taikoo on Wednesday next, April 5, when Club de Recreio and University meet in a play-off for the mixed doubles league championship.

Recreio, who are the holders, and who, in fact, have won the title every year since the inception of the competition, were expected to win quite comfortably again this year, especially after beating the University so easily in the early part of the season.

But the Varsity came back with a brilliant win in the return encounter, and as neither team have dropped any other points, they finish the programme with identical records.

This play-off on Wednesday will start at 8 p.m. and both clubs hope to turn out their strongest teams.

It should be badminton worth going a long way to see.

### Contract Signed With King's Theatre

Columbia Films yesterday signed a contract to show their productions at the King's Theatre during the coming year. Among the big pictures due for release in Hongkong are "Q Planes" (British), with Ida Lupino; "Lone Wolf's Spy Hunt" starring Ida Lupino in a fine comedy role; "Plane 4" (tentative title) co-starring Jean Arthur and Cary Grant; "The Lady and the Mob"; "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," production on which is being held up until Gary Cooper is free to take the title role; "Our Wife" co-starring Loretta Young and Cary Grant; and "Girls' School," with Ann Shirley and Nan Gray, which was recently shown in Manila with great success.

Frank Lloyd, who directed such hits as "If I Were King" and "Cavalcade," has been signed up by Columbia.

### HOCKEY MATCH

#### Caer Clarke Match Won By "Y" Ladies

The "Y" Ladies secured an overwhelming victory over St. Andrew's in a Caer Clarke hockey encounter at King's Theatre, yesterday, by six goals to two. The Saints were pressed from the start, and their opponents netted five goals in quick succession before interval.

About ten minutes before the final whistle was blown, the Saints mustered up their strength and scored two goals. For the winners, Harker scored four times, and Caidley and Burnett each netted once. A. Zimmen scored for the Saints.

### KOWLOON F. C. TEAM

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club in their First Division football match against the Hongkong Football Club to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.

Hamberstone; Everest, Bill; Maxwell, Blis; Hornbill; Knob; W. K. Way, J. W. Leonard, N. Broadbridge, C. W. Lam, M. C. Hung, U. Esmaili, T. Lim and T. Locke.

### SUNDAY MATCH

The following will represent Kowloon C.C. in a game against the Police at Happy Valley on Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

W. Mulcahy (captain), K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, H. Brookes, G. G. Davies, G. W. Gilpin, G. A. Goodwin, R. E. Lee, W. L. McKenzie, G. E. Taylor, A. Wright, C. W. Williams, J. A. Dennis.

Light Weight—(1st. String) Cpl. Ellis (Mid.) beat L/C. Barker, tko.

(2nd. String) L/C. Morley (R.S.)

knocked out Pte. Gribble, 1st round.

(3rd. String) Pte. Gels (Mid.) beat Pte. Milne.

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Middleweight—(1st. String) Cpl. Webster (Mid.) beat Bde. Emerson.

(2nd. String) Pte. Haweell (Mid.)

beat Pte. Alexander in the 2nd round.

Heavy Weight—(1st. String) Cpl. Alexander (Mid.) knocked out Pte. Alexander in the 2nd round.

The first bell will be rung at 1.45 p.m.

By order, S. W. CHENG, Secretary.

OUR SPELLING Bee! (see page 7)

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# Time to buy your new spring face..

Unless you live up to, which means make up to, the Colours which Nature, to say nothing of the dreammakers, is hatching day by day, spring is half wasted on you. The new dreammakers' colours are lovely—but only if you know how to make up to them.

**BEIGE AND STONE** are starred for spring, but they are difficult to wear. Test powders until you find one that looks like the bloom on a pale side of a peach. Your rouge must be the clear red of a ripe apple, your lipstick matching. A blue-black or green-blue mascara will look better than the sophistication of black, a grey, blue, or green eye shadow fresher than more exotic colours.

**PINKS AND PURPLES** are still with us, but you want a warmer, more robust look in spring sunshine. Buy a darker pink and mix it with your winter shade. Your lipstick must be softer in tone, rosier than the winter cyclamen; your rouge must have less mauve in it. Blue mascara and eye shadow is more gentle to eyes tired after late winter nights than mauve.

**YELLOW** is high fashion, but hard on the complexion. A pinky look is unbecoming, but not worse than a jaundiced effect. You want a powder the shade of a peeled banana. Lipstick and rouge must be that pure soft pomegranate colour. Eye make-up must be clear and young-looking—mascara and eye shadow a fresh green or blue.

**GREEN-YELLOWS** are important this season. Make-up should be rather like that for yellow, but rouge and lipstick should be lighter with just a hint of orange.

**BLACK OR NAVY** in spring wants careful make-up. Powder have no trace of yellow, but the skin must look warm. The best thing, for average skins, is a first coat of pale pink powder with a dusting of warmer peach on top. Lipstick and rouge must be brilliant with neither orange nor blue undertones. Dark blue mascara is younger than black.

**PASTELS AND WHITE** will be in soon. Nothing looks worse than a sophisticated maquillage with ingenue colours. Let your powder be a clear pale peach, your lipstick and rouge a clear rose. Be sparing with eye make-up; pale green or blue is best.



"Baby" dresses for grown-ups have a quaint charm. This one is made of pale blue marquise over pink marquise over pale blue satin. The tiny puffed sleeves are held with wreaths of flowers. The white duchess gloves have little bows at the wrists.

## The Humble Prune Transformed

NOW that prunes can be bought cheaply, it is a pity we don't make more use of this tasteful and satisfying fruit.

TRY some of these recipes when plain stewed prunes don't tempt you. Prune Custard Pudding

Overnight soak two cupsfuls of prunes and then cut out the stones and roughly chop up the fruit. Butter a casserole and prepare some slices of bread and butter. Fill the dish with layers of bread and butter, sugar, prunes, and a little grated nutmeg, and finish off with a layer of bread.

Now make the custard by beating a large egg in two cups of milk, and pouring this over the other ingredients. Stand the dish in a pan of water and cook in a moderate oven for about an hour.

### Prune Tarts

Stew a pound of prunes in the usual way, and when tender pass them through a sieve.

Beat the yolks of two eggs with a gill of milk and the prune pulp and then whisk the egg whites and add them. Line some pastry tins with short crust and fill with the mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes.

### Prunes in the Meat Course

Prunes give a delicious flavour to meat pies and puddings, and make a shepherd's pie an "out-of-the-ordin-

## Modes And Manners

QUESTION: "Please enlighten me on this point of etiquette: Should the spoon be dipped away from the body for soft foods as well as soups?" —K. J."

ANSWER: The rule mentioned applies to soups only. The motion followed by the spoon or fork for eating soft and semi-solid foods is toward the body, if these are better managed that way, which is a rule, they are.

QUESTION: "Should asparagus be eaten with the fingers or a fork?" —N. J."

ANSWER: The fork should be used.

any dish. Add some tomato ketchup and a minced onion as well as some stoned prunes to any cold, leftover meat. Mince the meat and arrange the ingredients in layers. Top with mashed potatoes and you will have a dish with an intriguing "different" flavour.

### Pickled Prunes

Soak a pound of prunes overnight, having picked their skins. Place them in the pickling jar. Dill three-quarters of a pint of vinegar with three ounces of sugar and a few chillies and leave to cool. Pour the vinegar over the prepared prunes and tie up.

Pickled prunes and cream cheese make a tasty sandwich.

Cookery Expert.

## Thoughtlessly Destructive Children

### But Parents Are To Blame

By A SCHOOLMASTER

WHY are the boys of seven and upwards so thoughtlessly destructive?

The advent of new boys in school means that I must keep my eyes open, otherwise much school property will be damaged.

These boys come from good homes. They are well fed and clothed, and have no vices, but many of them are utterly careless when dealing with my property or their own personal belongings. They have to be constantly reminded to hang their clothes in the proper place, to tie their shoe-laces properly, and to take care of books, pens, pencils, and other school requisites.

When a small boy in the sick room was lent an illustrated copy of "Peter Pan" he tore out all the full page pictures, folded them in a variety of shapes and put them in the pocket of his dressing gown.

When I saw Bill, aged eight, digging holes in the tennis lawn with the heel of his shoe, I asked—"What would your mother say if I did the same thing to her lawn?" he answered—"She'd be very angry." But he had no respect for my property. Not till later.

### Disregard for Others Property

A boarder of only a few months went to his dormitory, opened the window in a gale and allowed it to blow off its hinges. The same thoughtless fellow sits with his feet on the staves of the chairs, wipes his sticky fingers under the seat of the chair or table, scrapes his feet on the linoleum or carpet, and being one of those children who must touch and handle things damages them in the process. His latest exploit was to use the cork mat in the bathroom as a sledge until he broke it in half.

Five flower borders round the school playing field. Some boys show little love for flower borders, plants, or flowers, and trample over them.

There is at the moment a large hole in the entrance hall wall. This was caused by a boy who impaled himself in swinging the door and banging the key into the wall. He told me he did not mean to do it. Another new boy, in his first term, managed to smash

### SHORT CUTS

In bad weather, when drying clothes indoors on a line, use a coat hanger for each garment to conserve space.

A small brush is excellent for cleaning off a grater.

Tarnished copper and brass ornaments may be brightened if rubbed vigorously with strong liquid ammonia applied on a piece of flannel. Polish after with a clean piece of dry flannel.

If lace curtains are enclosed into a pillow case, they may be washed in the washing machine.

Try rubbing the hands with dry salt to remove onion odour.



This dress in one-piece style is in a wool chenille. It is featured in a corn yellow, with olive introduced in the suede belt with the yellow. Note the detail on the bodice.

Soon we shall be playing cricket and I am quite sure that I shall find some stupid and thoughtless boy using the blade of a new cricket bat to drive the stumps into a hard ground.

I am afraid much of the trouble is due to lack of parental control and discipline. The boys of whom I speak have a surfeit of the good things of life, and they are not bothered about the cost. If they break a bat they get another. If they curiously tear their clothes Nannie or mother repairs them without saying much about it, or they are provided with new ones.

They can lose their handkerchiefs, leave their gloves in the bus, and lose their books and these can be replaced by fond parents with enough of this world's goods. Not until it is brought home to these children that they must take care of things can they be cured.

By daily reminders in school we do our best to instill the fact that clothes, toys, and school property must be used with care, but these children rarely realise the value of money. Every need seems to be satisfied by some fairy god-mother.

Fortunately every pupil now has pocket-money and he soon begins to realise its value. When he forfeits some of his weekly allowance for thoughtless damage he begins to think a little more of the consequences of his actions, and in time we can trust him to be less destructive.

It would be easier, however, if parents themselves taught the value of property and clothes before these children were sent to school.

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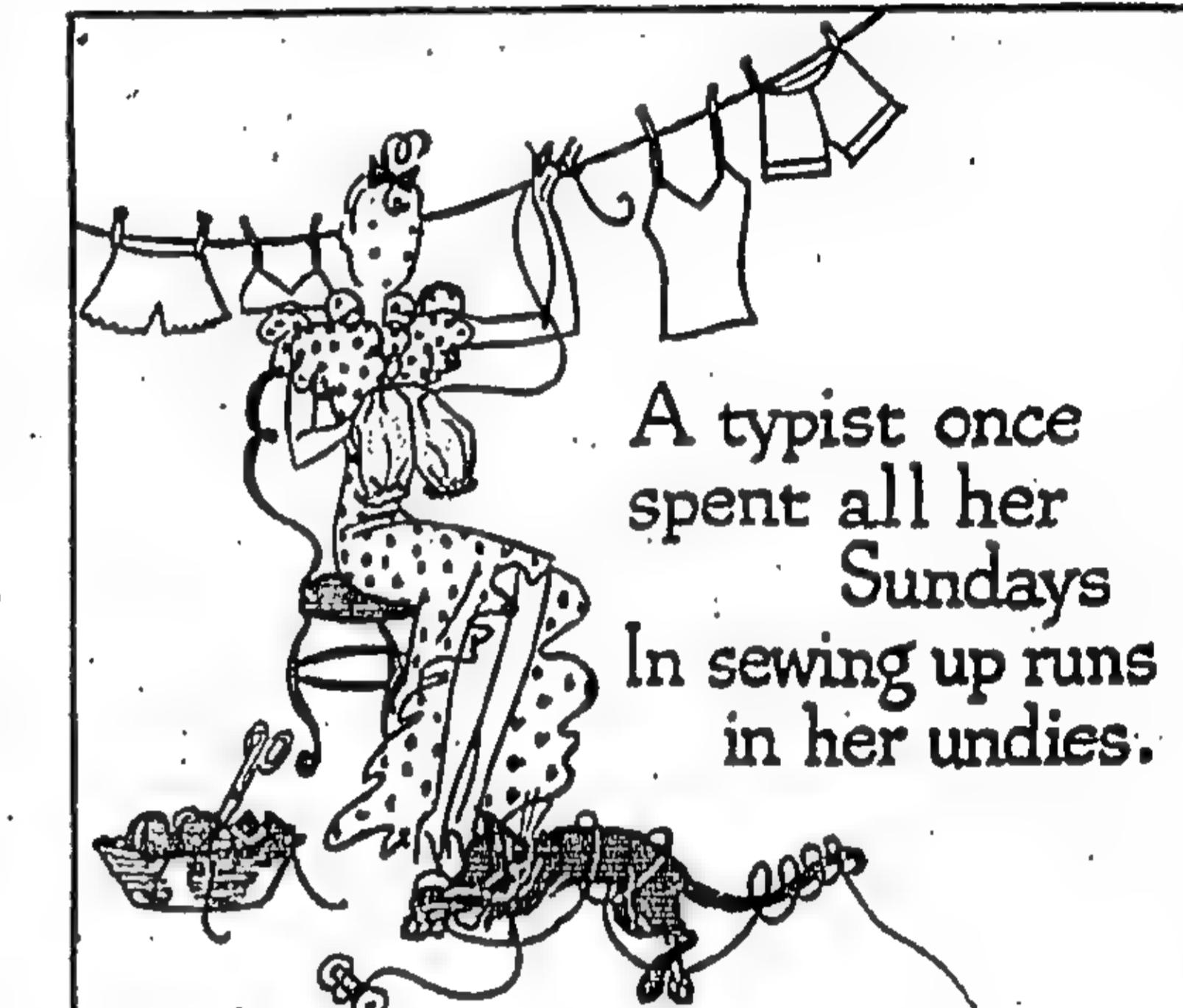


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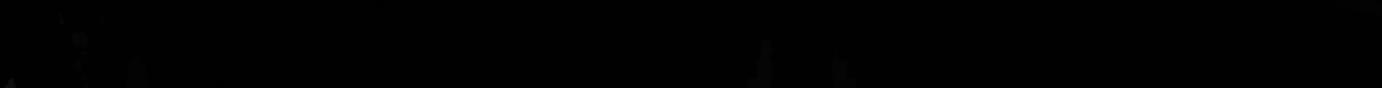
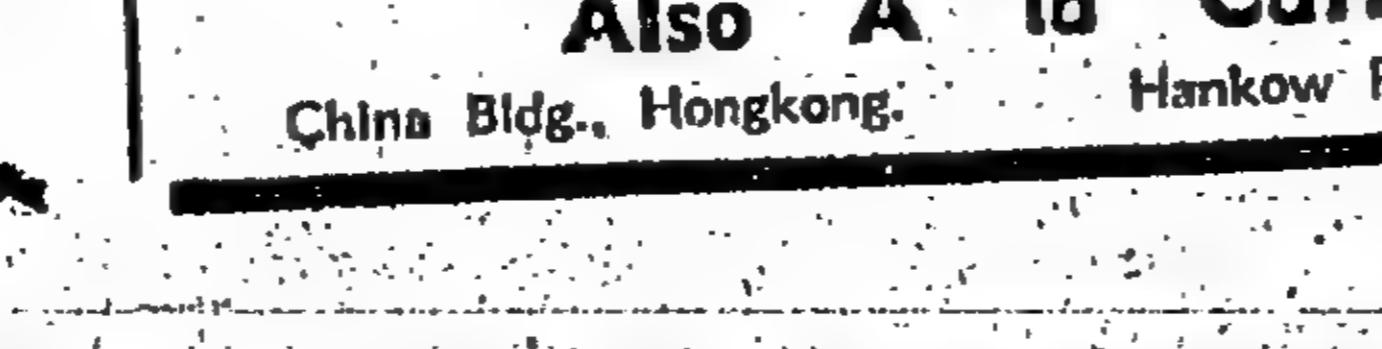
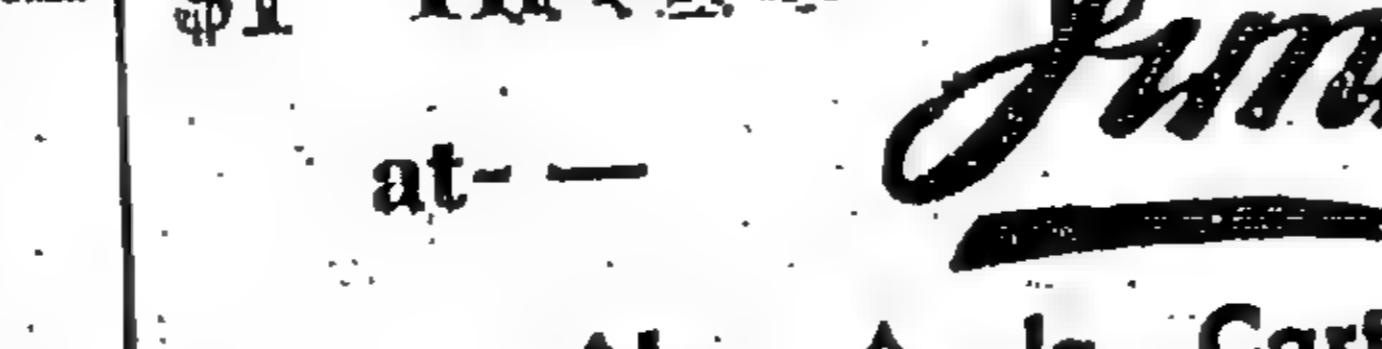
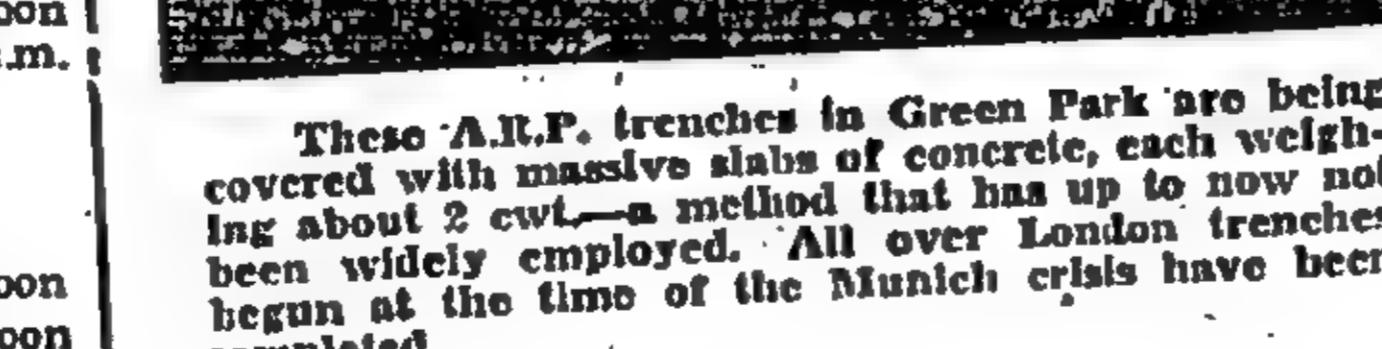
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Yesterday, Chiu was charged with burglary before Mr. E. Hinaworth at the Kowloon Magistracy, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Mr. K. Ludwig was the complainant.

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### WAR AFTERMATH

## MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID

British Warship Takes Off Italians

MADRID, Mar. 30. THE NEWLY appointed Military Governor Espinosa de los Monteros to-day declared martial law, thereby placing Madrid under the same administration as the remainder of Nationalist Spain.

He has ordered everyone to surrender their arms.

The Nationalists have marched on all the key cities in Republican Spain. It is reported they have captured thousands of prisoners, including the southern army which alone numbers 60,000. The entire Republican General Staff of Tremadure has surrendered.

The Burgos radio to-day announced that Colonel Besteiro has been placed in custody in Valencia.—United Press.

### PLANES SURROUNDED

St. Jean de Luz, Mar. 30. An official communiqué issued by General Franco's headquarters at Salamanca to-day stated that 42 Republican aeroplanes surrendered yesterday.

On the Valencia front, nearly 15,000 prisoners had been captured, and two complete brigades and six battalions had surrendered.

In the southern zone, 70,000 prisoners were taken.

Many thousands had been taken prisoner on the Toledo front, and in one sector alone, 10,000 were counted.

Enormous quantities of war materials had been taken over by General Franco's forces.—Reuter.

### ITALIANS SUCCOURED

London, Mar. 30. One hundred and sixty Italians, former prisoners of the Republicans were taken by the British cruiser H.M.S. Sussex to Palma to-day.

Two other British cruisers took aboard 50 political refugees on Wednesday and another 100 to-day. They are being taken to Gibraltar. These political refugees were Republicans who fled for political reasons.

Negotiations are now under way regarding the return of 70 British prisoners in the hands of the Nationalists.—Trans-Ocean.

### REPRISALS?

Madrid, Mar. 30. A decree has been issued ordering public employees in the Madrid province, soldiers who served with the Republic, and persons having knowledge of crimes committed during the Republican regime, to report to the authorities.—Reuter Special.

### VALONIA ENTERED

VALENCIA, Mar. 30. Spanish Nationalist troops entered the city at 11 a.m. to-day. Their Commander, Colonel Aranda, held a full hour's parade from the balcony of the Town Hall while señoritas, clad in vivid regional costumes and lace mantillas, tossed flowers on the Town Hall steps.—United Press.

### U.S. INVESTIGATIONS

Washington, Mar. 30. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has called on the former U.S. Ambassador to Spain to give a secret report regarding the possibility of Spain becoming a satellite of Germany and Italy.

In the near future it also expects to hear Ambassador Johnson's report regarding China.—United Press.

### DAMAGE IN VALENCIA

Valencia, Mar. 30. Examination of the damage caused in Valencia since the outbreak of hostilities shows that great devastation was wrought in the district adjoining the harbour by the Nationalist air raids, whereas in the interior of the city, wilful and meaningless destruction was carried out by the Republicans.

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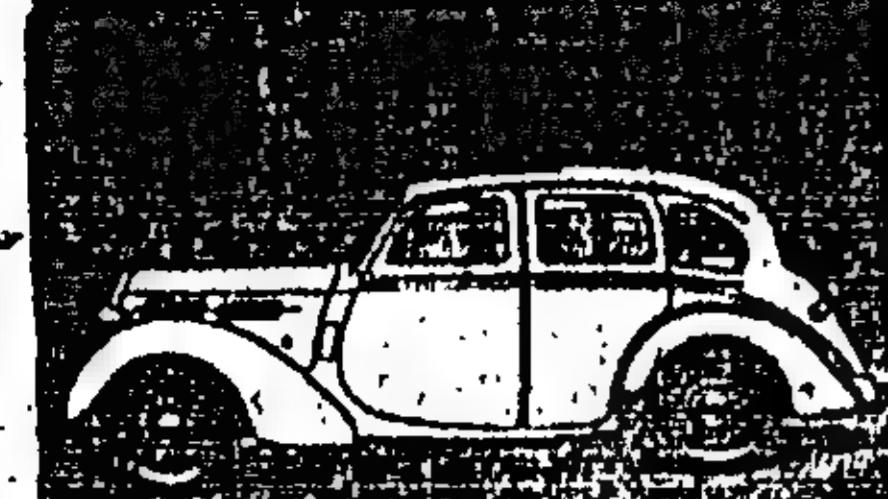
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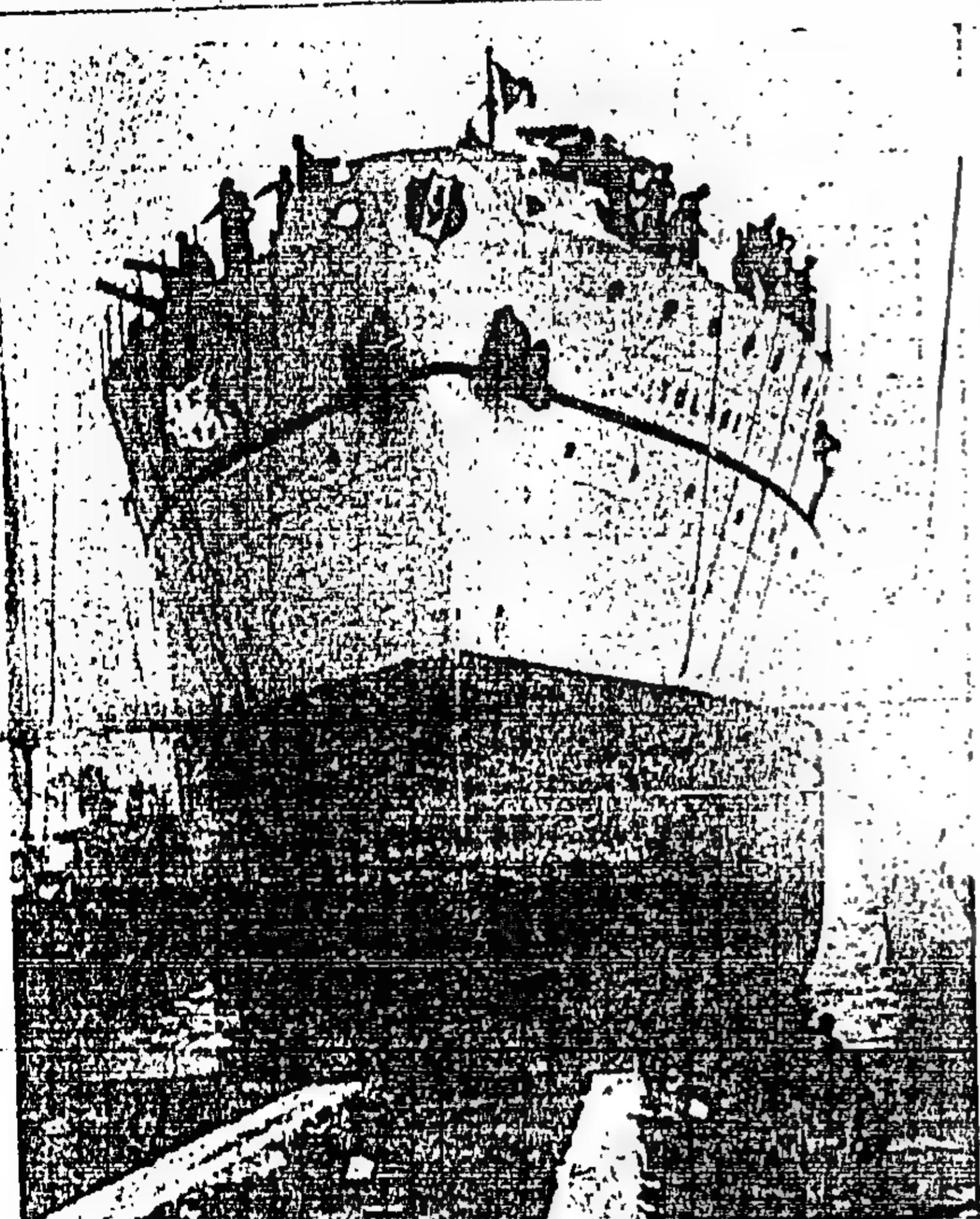
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LONDON, MAR. 31.  
IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY LEARNED THAT BRITAIN, THROUGH THE BRITISH LEGATION IN WARSAW, HAS PRESENTED POLAND WITH A PROPOSAL FOR A UNILATERAL GUARANTEE OF POLAND'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.



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## Foreign Ambassadors Active In China

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31.

THE LULL on the international diplomatic front in China has apparently been broken with the exacerbation of the European political situation.

Following the arrival of new French and Italian Ambassadors, animated movements of foreign diplomats are reported since several days ago in Shanghai and other parts of China.

Shanghai's diplomatic circles are evincing keen interest in the projected interview between two British Ambassadors here. Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Japan, accompanied by Lady Robert, is arriving here to meet Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China.

### Request By Chiang

After his conversations with Sir Robert Craigie, Ambassador Kerr is understood to proceed to Chungking for the second time since the fall of Hankow. Some circles assert that the projected visit to Chungking by Ambassador Kerr has been requested by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of China, is understood to be accompanying the British Ambassador to Chungking from Hongkong. It is understood that the protection of British rights and interests in China and the proposed assistance to China will form the major subjects for negotiations at Chungking.

The new Italian Ambassador to China, Marquis Francesco Maria Palani di Marchi, left Shanghai in early Tuesday morning aboard an Italian warship on an inspection tour of North China. Local Chinese newspapers featured the rumours that the Rome envoy would proceed to Chungking via South China.

M. Henry Coate, the new French Ambassador to China, who has been to Chungking to tender his credentials to Chiang Kai-Shek of the

### Boat Race From The Air

For the broadcast of the Boat Race to-morrow the B.B.C. have arranged for a Cambridge commentator to be watching from an aeroplane, while an Oxford commentator will be in a launch behind the two boats.

"We so often find it impossible to judge the exact distance between the two boats that we have decided on the aeroplane as the only way out," a B.B.C. official said. Mr. S. J. de Lotbiniere will be in the aeroplane and Mr. John Snagge in the launch.

The race will be broadcast by Daventry (and relayed by ZBW), at 6.45 p.m. to-morrow.

National Government, is also expected here shortly from Hongkong. He actually left Hongkong by the M.M. liner *Marchal Joffre*, which was in a collision at sea yesterday.

### Soviet Ambassador

The Soviet Ambassador to China, M. Lopatin-Grelsky, left Chungking by aeroplane on March 24 en route to Moscow. After making (Continued on Page 12.)

LONDON, MAR. 31.

THE BRITISH LEGATION IN WARSAW, HAS PRESENTED POLAND WITH A PROPOSAL FOR A UNILATERAL GUARANTEE OF POLAND'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

The Polish Foreign Minister will arrive in London on Monday, reportedly to steadfastly insist that any agreements must be backed by a military pact.

Meanwhile it has been authoritatively stated that Germany has made proposals regarding Danzig, although the Foreign Office here has denied such reports.—United Press.

Cabinet To Confirm Guarantee

LONDON, MAR. 31.  
The British Cabinet will meet early this morning to approve the final form of statement which the Prime Minister is expected to make when the House of Commons meets at 11 a.m.

Several of the morning papers state that Britain and France are guaranteeing to assist Poland if attacked.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Prime Minister will issue an unqualified warning to Germany that Britain will oppose by every means in its power, any further act of aggression.—Reuters.

### King Holds Council

LONDON, MAR. 30.  
This morning the King held a council at Buckingham Palace, and later gave audience to Lord Baldwin, who returned to London from the continent a week ago and sails next week for Canada.

In the afternoon the King accompanied by the Queen, visited two big London County Council housing estates in Hackney.—British Wireless.

### IMPORTANCE OF VISIT STRESSED

Warsaw, Mar. 30.  
Emphasis is placed by the whole of the press to-night on the importance of Colonel Beck's forthcoming visit to London.

Observers discount the rumour that he will stop in Berlin en route to London.

Such an action, it is suggested could only appear to be the result of German pressure to compromise the Government's liberty of action in foreign affairs.

Foreshadowing that the week, ending with Colonel Beck's return from London, will be "decisive", the independent newspaper "Wieczor Warszawski" comments: "Poland's position in Europe is of the utmost importance at the moment, and the world is watching the new moves."

President Ignacy Moscicki had a three-hour conference with the principal Opposition leaders this evening. It is stated that they discussed internal politics.

Contributions to the internal defence loan, announced earlier in the week, now exceed £1,500,000.—Reuters.

## Hitler's Big Speech

### Not Expected He Will Denounce Treaty

Berlin, Mar. 30.  
The speech by Herr Hitler to be delivered at Wilhelmshaven on Saturday is awaited here with more than usual interest.

The Fuehrer will be present at the launching of the second 35,000-ton battleship, which will be christened "Tirpitz" by the daughter of Admiral von Tirpitz.

Herr Hitler will speak at a demonstration in the Town Hall Square in the afternoon after being made an honorary citizen of Wilhelmshaven.

Reports that he will utilise the occasion to denounce the Anglo-German naval treaty are said in well-informed circles to be without foundation. It is regarded as more likely that he will avoid any mention of Anglo-German relations, since the British policy is at the present time in a state of indecision, the same being true of German-Polish relations.—Trans-Ocean.

## CHIANG READY FOR DRIVE

### Japanese Fear New Offensive

TOKYO, Mar. 30.

AN IMPENDING large-scale Chinese offensive planned by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on the North China front is reported by the entire Japanese press this evening on the basis of information

said to be emanating from a reliable Peiping source.

Chinese troop movements indicate that Chinese counter-attacks will take place from a southerly direction on the various sectors of the Lunghai front, while another counter-push would be directed from Sianfu in south Shansi.

A further attack would be launched from Suiyuan in the Chahar province.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is at the same time increased guerrilla activity on all fronts. The Marshal intends to revive the fighting spirit of his troops and to strengthen the confidence of third nations in the fighting power of the Chinese army, hoping thereby for new resources from England, France and Soviet-Russia.—Trans-Ocean.

Attack in April

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is planning a general counter-offensive along all China fronts for April, according to information received in well-informed quarters here.

Under the plan reportedly under contemplation by the Chinese military command, the Chinese guerrilla fronts will undergo general reorganization.

Counter-attacks will be launched in the areas of Nanking and Hangchow south of the Yangtze, while large guerrilla forces will be transferred from the south Yangtze front to the north concurrently with the eastward advance of the Chinese forces along the Northwestern front.

The Japanese column moving westward with Changsha as the objective is held north-east of Kacan, the Chinese report claims.

Although Wuning and Nanchung are now definitely in Japanese hands, heavy fighting is still raging on the outskirts of the two razed Klangsi cities.

Heavy Casualties

Heavy casualties have been suffered by both Chinese and Japanese in the continuous battle that has raged during the past ten days for possession of Wuning.

The major fighting is now taking place on the heights a few miles north-east of the city, which once boasted a population of 70,000 but has now completely disappeared.

Chinese attempts to bring up reinforcements are being considerably impaired by the overwhelming superiority of Japanese artillery and air force. Japanese planes are continually bombing and machine-gunning the Chinese lines of communications.

About fifty Japanese warships have now entered Lake Poyang front of the Yangtze River. The majority of them are anchored off Wucheng, at the mouth of the Siu River, which flows into the lake.

Shansi Offensive

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JAPANESE forces have started another drive along the East River area in an attempt to "mop-up" guerrillas south of the River, according to Chinese reports this morning.

Increased activity has also been noticed against junks attempting to cross the Pearl River delta, and several are reported to have been destroyed during the past 72 hours.

It is believed the Japanese are attempting to prevent refugees from the Chungshan area north of Macao from crossing the delta to Hongkong.

### China War

## Major Battles Raging On Kiangsi Front

TERRIFIC BATTLES are now raging in two northern provinces in China.

In the Poyang Lake and Kan River areas east of the Kiangxi-Nanchang Railway, the two main Japanese forces claim to have effected a juncture 22 miles north-east of Nanchang, the captured Kiangsi capital.

Marine units have occupied Chiaoching, while detachments of Army troops are thrusting southward along the shore of Poyang Lake after crossing a tributary of the Kan River 25 miles south of Wuchang.

Following the fall of Wuning, the Japanese claim that their own and the Chinese troops are now converging for another major battle for possession of Shushui, about 40 miles above Wuning.

The Chinese defence lines connecting Houchichien, Chahayou and Makusun are, however, still intact.

### Drive On Changsha

The main Japanese Army is pushing westward with the obvious intention of launching a drive on Changsha, and Kaon, about 40 miles southwest of Nanchang, is stated to be a material and immediate objective.

Several thrusts by the Japanese towards the town have, however, been easily repulsed.

The Japanese are threatening the town from the north, the east, and the west.

Early yesterday morning, says "Central News", several hundred Japanese attacked the Chinese positions about 13 miles north of the town, and are alleged to have used poison gas. The attack was repulsed.

A number of urgent problems still remain to be solved", he added.

He referred to the situation of 1,000,000 Germans living in Poland, and said that the Reich Government also desired the improvement of conditions under which 650,000 Germans in Hungary are living, but it might be assumed that the friendly State of Hungary would take measures as soon as possible to satisfy the just demands of the German minority.

Vital Rights

After touching upon the forthcoming German census, Dr. Frick said that the ideal of coinciding language and political frontiers will never be reached.

"This fact makes it all the more necessary for foreign groups to be granted natural and vital rights. It is entirely possible for one to be true to his nationality and at the same time a conscientious citizen of a State governed by another nationality.

Fighting for re-possession of the town lasted over six hours.

The Japanese column moving westward with Changsha as the objective is held north-east of Kacan, the Chinese report claims.

Although Wuning and Nanchung are now definitely in Japanese hands, heavy fighting is still raging on the outskirts of the two razed Klangsi cities.

Heavy Casualties

Heavy casualties have been suffered by both Chinese and Japanese in the continuous battle that has raged during the past ten days for possession of Wuning.

The major fighting is now taking place on the heights a few miles north-east of the city, which once boasted a population of 70,000 but has now completely disappeared.

Chinese attempts to bring up reinforcements are being considerably impaired by the overwhelming superiority of Japanese artillery and air force. Japanese planes are continually bombing and machine-gunning the Chinese lines of communications.

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## GERMANY'S "URGENT" PROBLEMS

### Million Minority Living In Poland

"THE GERMAN Polish minority declaration of November 5, 1927 has unfortunately so far been inadequate in fulfilling all wishes", declared the Reich Minister of the Interior, Dr. Wilhelm Frick this evening at a reception to the diplomatic corps and the foreign press.

The Marechal Joffre is now in dock.

Passengers aboard the Marechal Joffre told a graphic story of the collision when interviewed by "Telegraph" reporters this afternoon.

"The Canton loomed out of the fog so suddenly that a collision was inevitable," one passenger said.

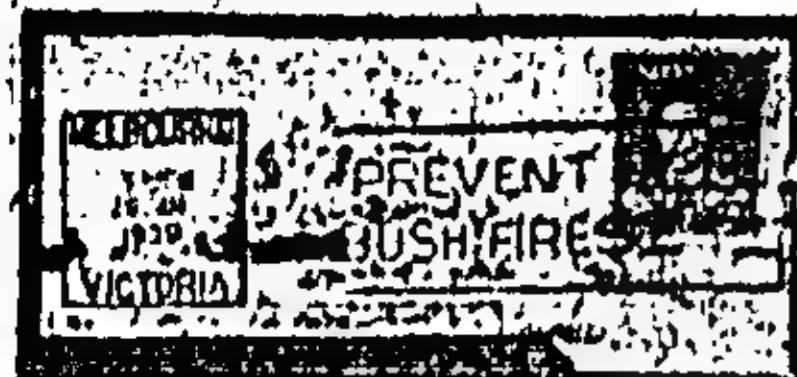
"During the whole affair, from the time the British ship loomed out of the fog until our entry into Hongkong harbour," we have seen the Canton for only three minutes.

"That was when she was struck amidships by the Marechal Joffre, until we backed away out of sight into the mist again."

"The fog was so dense that visibility was only a hundred feet."

Captain Flanagan, a Norwegian passenger, who was en route to Shanghai, said: "Passengers and members of the crew were thrown off their feet by the shock of the collision. Some received abrasions."

"We did not



This came to the Hongkong Telegraph yesterday and so did this!

Sydney, Mar. 30.  
The rainfall which ended the drought has developed into the best inland storm since December, 1930. Falls have now reached six inches in the drought-stricken Riverina district.  
Mr. Lyons, Federal Prime Minister, to-night expressed the opinion that there had been a definite ending of the drought in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. This will add millions to the national income.

## German Barter With China

### \$10,000,000 Pact Reported Signed

CHUNGKING, Mar. 30.  
Informed circles stated that Sino-German relations turned favourable in recent weeks on conclusion of a barter agreement whereby China and Germany are exchanging goods valued at 10 million yuan for special materials and manufactured products.

These circles said that Herr Von Loghow, a German serving as adviser to the Ministry of Communications, played an active role in improving Sino-German relations, particularly economic. They said Von Loghow made a brief trip to Berlin from Chungking by air and returned early in March in connection with the barter deal.—United Press.

## Fighting Continues In Slovakia

BUCHAREST, Mar. 30.  
Hungarian and Slovak forces today continued desultory fighting in east Slovakia.—United Press.

"Reuter" adds that fresh difficulties arose at yesterday's meeting of the Slovak and Hungarian delegates discussing the demarcation of the Slovak-Hungarian frontier.

The Slovaks put forward a counter-claim for a strip of Hungarian territory in return for the area in Slovakia claimed by Hungary.

This demand was flatly rejected by the Hungarians, whereupon the Slovaks announced they would ask their Government for further instructions.

# "THE AXIS MIGHT NOT BEAR THE STRAIN" "DANGER," SAYS MUSSOLINI AS GERMAN TROOPS MOVE

## SIAM AND BRITAIN "Secret Pact" Report Perturbs Britain

TOKYO, Mar. 31.  
THE BANGKOK correspondent of the "Asahi Shimbun" reports that a "secret understanding" has been reached between Siam and Great Britain for organising "a joint front against Japan."

Describing the international situation facing Siam as "delicate," the correspondent alleges that Britain has been endeavouring to establish "an anti-Japanese axis" connecting Malaya, Burma, French Indo-China, Netherlands East Indies and Siam.

The correspondent says that the British authorities will extend their understanding with Siam to French Indo-China where negotiations, according to the report, are going on between the French authorities and a Siamese military mission.

Conclusion of the secret understanding between Britain and Siam was preceded by a British offer of a sterling loan amounting to £2,000,000 to £4,000,000, the correspondent further claims.

The British offer, the correspondent understands, has been declined by Siam, who instead has decided to issue a domestic loan amounting to 65,000,000 bahts.

Although the projected domestic loan is now subject to approval by the People's Assembly, the correspondent alleges that it will eventually be converted into a foreign loan with the understanding of Great Britain.

Well-informed quarters in Tokyo are sceptical about the "Asahi" report, which cannot be confirmed.—Demel.

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—President Roosevelt has nominated ex-Senator F. H. Brown to the position of Comptroller-General, which has been vacant since 1930.—Reuter.

"ITALY DOES not intend to remain a prisoner in the Mediterranean" was Signor Mussolini's only comment on international affairs when speaking to-day at Cosenza Calabria.

He said that Italians at present were more perturbed by the relations between Germany and Poland than by M. Daladier's speech.

Those Italians who were not wholly Fascists, and not wholly in favour of the Rome-Berlin axis, think the danger point for Europe is Poland.

If Germany shows resentment at Warsaw's refusal of its suggestions and her troops march, then many Italians declare that the axis might not bear the strain.—Reuter.

**Mussolini Adamant**

COSENZA, Mar. 30.  
Signor Mussolini, accompanied by his secretary, Signor Achille Starace, arrived here at dawn to-day.

Signor Mussolini is staying at the Calabrian Hotel.

A crowd of 15,000 greeted his train at Paola station with shouts of "Long Live National Spain! Il Duce, founder of the Empire!"

Mussolini and his party halted for only a few minutes at Paola station to enable the local authorities to pay their respects, after which they continued to the town of Delmonte, where Il Duce alighted.

Later a cheering crowd in Victor Square heard what is regarded as a reference to France's attitude. They heard Mussolini, with pounding fist, say, "Pacts or no diplomatic pacts, we will never resign ourselves to remaining prisoners in the Mediterranean."

He said the claim for special concessions regarding the Suez Canal must be satisfied.

Referring to the "defeat of Bolshevism in Spain" and praising Italian collaboration therein, Mussolini said Italy is ready to stand for her claims.

"Speeches are only words if they are not accompanied by facts," he declared.

Before his departure from Rome last night, 250,000 men of classes numbers 18 and 19 were reporting for duty.

**"We Can Wait"**

Commenting on M. Daladier's speech, Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" says: "The French have definitely shown they want to shut the door we left open, but Italy is not impatient, and she can wait."—United Press.

## Answered By Two Voices

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—  
THE GOVERNMENTS of the "Axis" Powers cannot fail to note that two replies have been made instead of one to Signor Mussolini's speech, says the New York "Times".

"M. Daladier broadcast a message he was scheduled to deliver, but another voice spoke unexpectedly across the English Channel.

It is not certain whether these reports were discussed at today's Cabinet meeting. However, the Polish Minister visited the British Foreign Office this afternoon.

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This is how humidity and temperature have varied since last night.

	Temperature	Humidity
6 p.m.	69.0	97
8 p.m.	71.0	95
10 p.m.	70.7	97
Midnight	70.0	100
2 a.m.	69.5	98
4 a.m.	67.2	99
6 a.m.	68.0	100
8 a.m.	69.0	99
10 a.m.	70.4	97
	71.8	94

Hongkong need expect no relief yet. The official forecast at ten o'clock this morning predicted a continuance of present conditions. Local fog or mist will also persist.

ROME, Mar. 30.

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**Italian Mobilisation**

ROME, Mar. 30.  
Italy has called a quarter of a million of reservists to the colours.

**Tension Won't Ease**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.  
It is understood that diplomatic and other information reaching the Government suggests that the tension in Europe is likely to be maintained in the near future.

The totalitarian States are credited with the intention of forcing upon the democracies "another Munich".

The Government therefore hopes to help to secure "peace without surrender" by decisive relaxation of the Neutrality Act next week.—Reuter.

**Demonstrations**

BERLIN, Mar. 30.  
Further anti-German demonstrations are reported from Poland.

The German News Agency states that anti-German riots in Upper Silesia have increased in number lately.

It is alleged that Poles marched into a restaurant and molested Germans, knocking one down with chairs, who despite threats, continued to speak in German.—Reuter.

**Labour Calls For Guarantees**

LONDON, Mar. 30.  
A declaration issued by the Federation of International Labour calls upon the governments of Britain, France, Russia and Poland immediately to enter mutual guarantees for full and unqualified support in

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# GERMANY'S FINANCE PLAN DEFENDED WILL PURSUE POLICY DESPITE CRITICISM

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British Tommies in Hongkong, in line with the rest of the army, are to have new lighter and more comfortable battle dress issued in the spring. The above picture shows the 1917 style, and opposite the new fashion, which has already been tried out in Hongkong.

## Union Church Whist Drive

A whist drive was held in the Kowloon Union Church hall last evening under the auspices of the Women's Guild, when 12 tables were occupied, and Mr. A. Morton was the M.C.

Prize winners were: Ladies, 1. Mrs. Frazer, 2. Mrs. Thomson, Consolation. Mrs. Matthews. Gentlemen, 1. Mr. Rowe, 2. Mrs. Moss. (playing as gentlemen). Consolation. Mr. Curtis.

## WIRELESS RELAY SERVICES

London, Mar. 30. Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding wireless relay services, Major G. C. Tryon, the Postmaster-General stated that there was scope for the provision of services both by the relay companies and the Post Office service.

Relay companies' licences would be extended until December 31, 1949, subject to certain modifications in the programmes supplied to subscribers and control in a time of emergency, when the companies shall transmit local A.R.P. and police announcements, and are liable to be connected by wire instead of wireless with the B.B.C. stations, in order to overcome the danger of enemy interference.

The Post Office will introduce a service for the distribution of broadcast programmes over telephone subscribers' lines used in conjunction with a wireless receiving set. It would be possible to give a choice of four programmes.

Major Tryon hoped that the service would be started this year.—Renter Special.

## French Admiral Due To-day

Vice-Admiral Le Bigot, Commander-in-Chief of the French Naval Forces in the Far East, will not arrive in Hongkong until later this afternoon as the flagship Lamothe Piquet has been held up outside the harbour by the fog.

Arrangements regarding his visit and official calls are being altered.

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BERLIN, Mar. 30. HERR WALTER FUNK, Reich Minister of Economy, addressing the central committee of the Reichsbank to-day, dealt with the new finance plan, as well as with recent foreign criticism of German methods in the domain of international economic relations.

According to the speaker, the criticism of German methods was attributable to their success. All the proposals for the restoration of normal economic relations between the nations must be based on the introduction of new methods, since the foundations of world economy have changed, and the newly strengthened national States declined to be shackled by "international gold automaticity" or international indebtedness.

Minister Funk described Germany as being to-day the "greatest industrial country in the world in uniform space," and expressed the opinion that close political and intellectual relations between Germany and Italy must lead to intensification of their economic co-operation.

### EPOCH-MAKING AGREEMENT

The speaker referred to the German-Italian treaty of commerce as an "epoch-making economic agreement," and stressed that there could be no question of "silver bullets" or of political loans with unconscionable rates of interest, or of exchange restrictions. Thanks to the treaty the "natural economic energies of both countries will be mobilised and methodically applied with a view to common achievement."

Germany, with her directed economy safeguarded against a crisis, was in a position to guarantee her Rumanian partner exchange of goods at fixed prices for a long period, without seeking to acquire a monopoly.

The speaker continued to say that negotiations with England and France, with the aim of developing trading relations had been interrupted in consequence of the latest political events in Central Europe, but in the speaker's view, now that a new order had been established in Central Europe, the necessity for continuing those negotiations was greater than ever.

The speaker voiced the hope that sequestration by the British Government of funds belonging to a country which had been placed under the protectionate of the German Reich, would only be temporary, and added that in Germany's opinion, private property should be internationally respected.

### STATE'S GUARANTEE

Turning to the re-organisation of the Reichsbank, Minister Funk observed that those shares of the bank which were now abroad would be repatriated and their foreign owners "honourably indemnified." In future, Reichsbank shares would not be securities in the usual stock exchange meaning of the word. Questions of capital and dividends would be settled on the basis of a new bank law at the next general meeting of the Reichsbank, which would probably be held in May.

The speaker emphasised that it was not the bank, but the Government alone which would be responsible for currency. The economy of the country was primary, whereas currency was only a secondary factor. The stability of currency depended on the stability of wages and prices, and this would be ensured by the State.

Discussing the financial methods of the past few years, the speaker said that those methods had erred by

too heavily encumbering the present in order to provide means for the carrying out by the State of gigantic tasks, the profitability of which could be fully perceptible only in the future.

The object of the new finance plan was firstly to place as far as possible the burden on the future, secondly to diminish the load of interest weighing on the State, and thirdly to reopen the money market to private borrowers.

Minister Funk concluded saying that Germany would continue to pursue her financial policy as laid down in the new plan "regardless of the malignant and uniform criticism in foreign countries."—Trans-Ocean.

## JAPANESE HEAVILY DEFEATED

SHEKKI, Mar. 31. FOLLOWING the arrival of General Chang Fat-kwei's Kwangsi troops, the Japanese suffered heavy losses in the vicinity of Kungmoo, and retired yesterday evening.

It is reported that the Japanese have re-occupied Yungki and Kweichow.—Renter.

### 1,000 CASUALTIES

Macao, Mar. 31. The Chinese report the expulsion of the Japanese from Pakku, claiming that the Japanese suffered 1,000 killed and wounded.

The Japanese re-occupied Yungki and Kweichow, but the districts of Chungshan and Sunwui have been entirely freed of Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

## Films For British Blue Jackets

London, Mar. 30. The Royal Naval Film Corporation which has been constituted to organise provision on board H.M. ships of film programmes for the lower deck, will be inaugurated next Tuesday evening by the Duke of Kent at Portsmouth.

The First Lord and members of the Board of the Admiralty will be present.

Leading representatives of film distributors, the press, and the shipping industry, who have materially assisted the corporation, will be entertained to dinner by the Commander-in-Chief at the Portsmouth Royal Naval Barracks.

After the Commander-in-Chief of the home Fleet will entertain a party on board H.M.S. Ark Royal when a cinema programme will be shown.—British Wireless.

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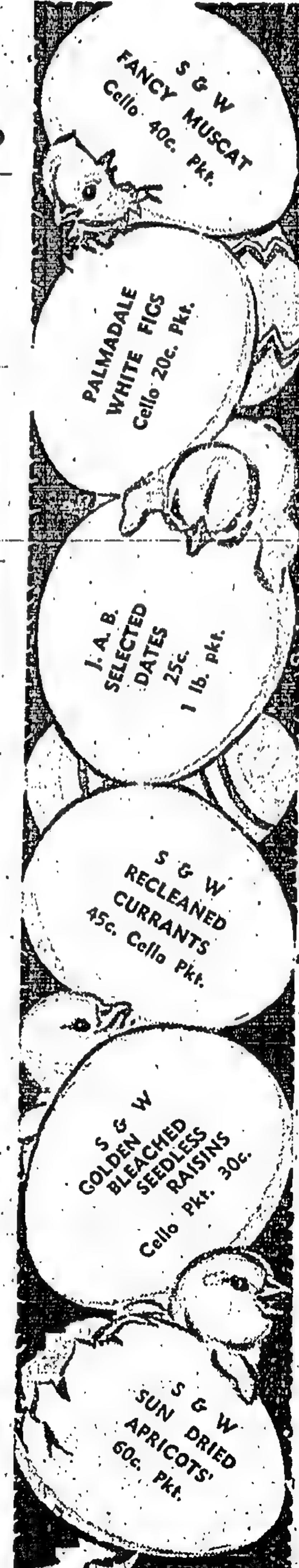


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## Warner Bros. Film Delayed

The local office of Warner Bros. regret to announce that through unavoidable circumstances the showing of their picture "The Adventures of Robin Hood" has to be postponed to a later date.

It was originally set for exhibition simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra, starting on March 31 and April 1, respectively.

Unfortunately, one copy of the picture is carried by the "Shantung," which was scheduled to arrive on March 28, but has been delayed and is not expected in until about April 3. The other copy is on the M/V "Canton," the arrival of which is also delayed.

## Franco-Rumanian Trade Pact

Paris, Mar. 30. A new commercial agreement between France and Rumania is being signed this evening.

Under this, France doubles her purchases of Rumanian petrol and reduces customs duties on Rumania's agricultural products.—Reuter.

**British Trade**

Helsingfors, Mar. 30. The advantage of small nations trading with Britain was emphasised by Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, when he addressed the Finnish Chamber of Commerce today.

Mr. Hudson is now having conversations here following visits to Warsaw and Moscow.

Despite the year's unemployment, Britain's present industrial output was greater than in the boom year of 1929, Mr. Hudson declared.—Reuter Special.

**CLIPPER EN ROUTE**

HONOLULU, Mar. 30.—The California Clipper arrived here on her maiden trip to Hongkong. She was greeted by cheering crowds.—Reuter.

The California Clipper is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on April 5 and will depart on the following day for San Francisco.

**BRITISH AMBASSADOR FOR CHUNGKING**

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31.—Chinese reports from Chungking state that the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, is going to Chungking in mid April.—United Press.

## Thief Returns Tyre

RICHSVILLE, O. A disappointed thief stole a worn-out spare tyre from Mayor J. W. Lytle's automobile, then returned it when he discovered that even he could not use it. The mayor reprimanded police for permitting the thief to return it.

## Flowers Are Canned

MELBOURNE, Australia. Australian botanists say it is with flowers—and how. Dr. S. Turner, professor of botany at the University of Melbourne, has perfected a system for canning flowers with which swallows can express their tenderness.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL 1939 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager,  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager,  
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### MAJOR BATTLES RAGING ON KIANGSI FRONT

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concentrate in the deltaic area bounded by Yuncheng, on the Tatung-Puchow Railway and Pingluo and Jincheng, on the north bank of the River.

**Szechuan Troops**

These Chinese forces include the 117th and 177th Divisions and the 46th and 47th Independent Brigades of the Shensi Army. In addition General Sun has under his command the 104th and 170th divisions of the Szechuan Army and the Eighth Division of the Central Army.

The war pace in Shensi has quickened as the Japanese have prepared to meet the menace of this unexpected diversion of Chinese forces.

The Japanese, according to "Central News," have divided into two columns, one of which is pushing from Hsiahsien and the other from Chingtu.

The Japanese are supporting their flanking movements with increasing use of aircraft.

In Ankwei, the Chinese have launched a new attack on Kwelchih, where furious fighting has been raging since yesterday.

### Steamer Loses Propeller Blade

The Messageries Maritimes liner Yangtze arrived in port from Shanghai yesterday afternoon with one of her propeller blades missing.

The loss of the blade was discovered on Tuesday, when the ship was about 200 miles from Hongkong.

The ship, which was fogbound at Wngan yesterday morning, is now unloading cargo at the Kowloon wharves and will enter Tsimshui Dock as soon as this is completed.

Mr. B. E. Sugars, Government Stores Department, has reported to the Police the loss of a mechanical pump from his car parked in Pedder Street yesterday.

## G. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham Shui Po, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1939, with the option of renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in	Period
Land No.	Regd. No.	Junction of Castle Peak Road & Camp Street, Sham Shui Po.	N. S. E. W. feet	Acre, Sq. feet	Annual Rental
1	11,850		as per plan.	\$162	\$17.70

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE: STOCKS:

February farm equipment exports were 41 per cent, under those for the corresponding month of last year.

An agreement between France and Rumania for doubling oil imports and reducing French agricultural tariffs has been initiated.

Swing frames declined on nervousness, resulting in the removal of gold from the areas near the German border.

Hitler has empowered the Minister of Economics to prohibit exports and imports of any type of goods. The President of the Reichstag has urged the resumption of German, British, and French trade talks.

Barron's Index has advanced slightly. Sears, Roebuck's March sales touched a record high mark.

March building awards were 40 per cent. over the same month of last year.

**EARNINGS:** Stock Period 1938

Sperry Corporation ..... Yr. 31/12 \$2.40

American Rolling Mill .... Yr. 31/12 \$1,300,000 LOSS

The United Fruit Corporation's first-quarter earnings are approximately the same as the corresponding quarter of 1938.

**COTTON:** The Senators from the cotton-growing States are ignoring President Roosevelt's request for export subsidy and favour the plan to subsidize the domestic market.

**GRAINS:** The wheat market was firm on war threat. South Africa expects a record corn crop.

**LONDON AVERAGES:**

MARCH 29 MARCH 30

Industrial average ..... 90.2 90.2

Rails average ..... 54.0 55.2

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

### CHIEF OF STAFF IN FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 30. Viscount Gort, the British Chief of Staff was shown over the stronger points of the Maginot Line and the interior of the fortifications of Metz this morning.

Viscount Gort closely inspected the ventilation system and the measures taken for protection against a gas attack.—Reuter.

### JEWISH FEARS

Berlin, Mar. 30.

The Jews are doing their utmost to leave Danzig, fearful of Germany's plan to occupy the Free State.

Britain's decision to double the territorial army is being branded as an anti-German measure, with the "Dovev Zeltung," stressing that it will not affect the solidity of the Rome-Berlin axis.

Even the question of a motor road through the Corridor is not being pressed by Germany, it is stated.

It is understood that Colonel Beck is not expected to leave his train en route to London.—Reuter.

**AIR MAIL DELAYED**

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the event of further aggressions by Italy and Germany.—Reuter.

**Exaggerated**

Berlin, Mar. 30.

Rumours of German demands and ultimata to Poland are certainly exaggerated.—Reuter.

That certain suggestions or approaches have been made to Poland are not officially denied, but all talk of Warsaw being asked to subscribe to the anti-Communist pact appears to be premature.

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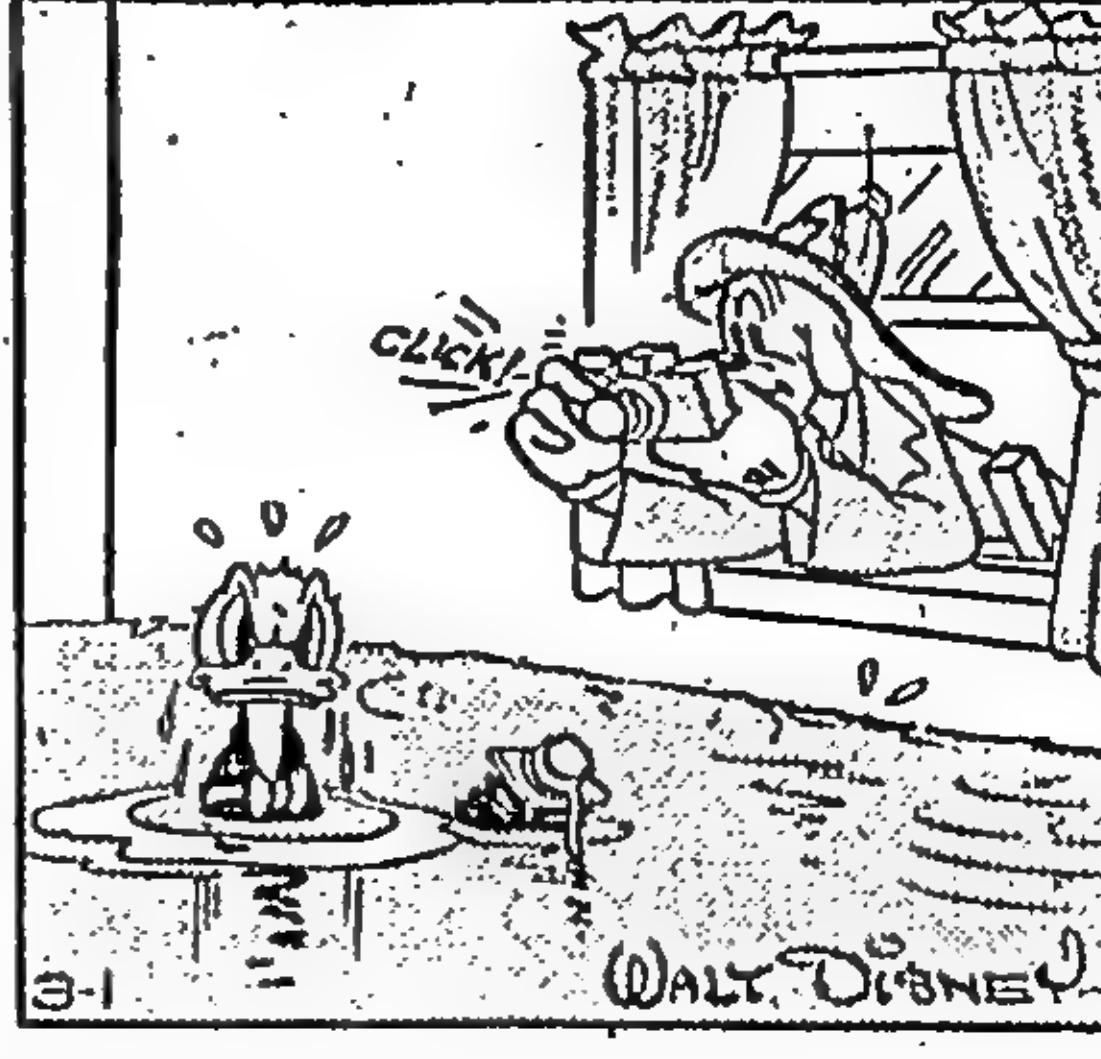
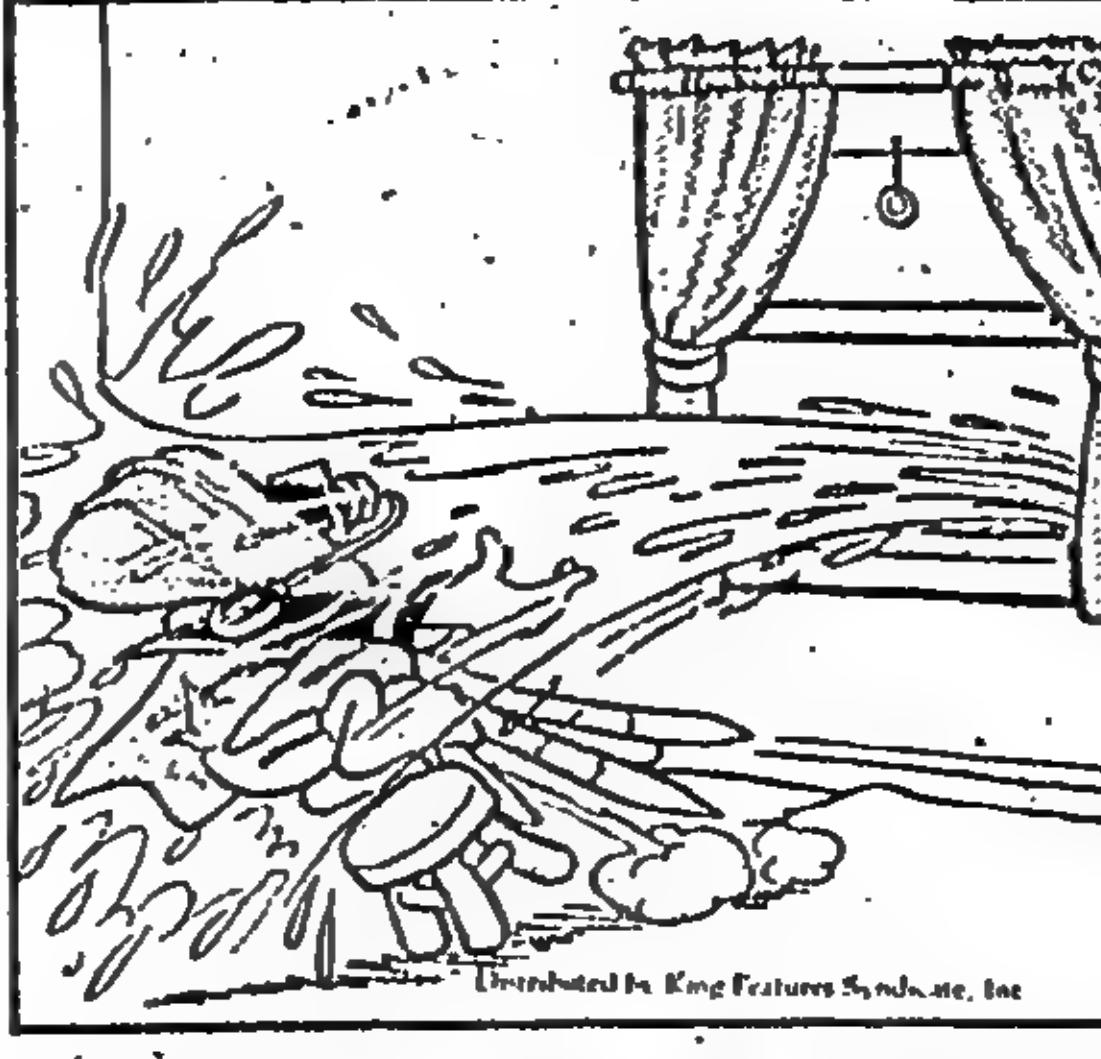
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## Insurance Claim

## Further Evidence On Allegation Of Forged Cable To Shipping Co.

**FURTHER DISCLOSURES** relating to the alleged sending of a forged cable from the Kobe office of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. were made at the Supreme Court this morning, when hearing of the insurance claim against the China Underwriters, Ltd. was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The cable concerned the date of sailing of the s.s. *Tilawa* from Japan in September, 1937. The managing partner of the plaintiff firm, Wong Yung-tong stated at the previous hearing that it was sent from the office of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie, which was denied.

Plaintiffs are the Cheong Hing Hong and the claim is for \$30,000 as the rateable proportion to be borne by defendants in the loss of marine products and seafoods in a fire in plaintiff's godowns, in January, 1938.

The defence is that 127 of the 137 items claimed are fraudulent, and benefits under the policy are, therefore, forfeited. It is further alleged that the prices of some of the goods had been charged higher than the market price, and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Edson Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for the plaintiff firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. Defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marion, of Deacons.

## Definitely Not Sent

Mr. D'Almada said that since the last hearing a cable had been sent by Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. of Hongkong to their office in Kobe, asking them to explain fully the nature of the inquiries that had been instituted to prove that the telegram in question was not sent by any member of the staff.

Two cables were received in reply and these said that the telegram was definitely not sent by any member of the staff, European or otherwise, nor with their authority.

They also pointed out that the telegram was on a form not used by the office and that the name Mackinnon, Mackenzie was in the body of the draft and not at the foot as signature.

"IT IS MOST MYSTERIOUS" Arising out of the exchange of these cables, Wong was recalled and asked by Counsel: If the facts in the cables are to be believed, they disposed of your suggestion that a Chinese member of Mackinnon, Mackenzie sent the telegram?—It is

## POLICE CLEAR UP DARING SHIP THEFT

QUICK WORK by the police led to the downfall of an audacious thief yesterday.

The man, Ip, Fook, was arrested a few hours after he coolly crept into a cabin aboard the s.s. *Seleni*, lying alongside the Taikoo Docks, and stole a watch and chain, a pair of spectacles and a suit of clothes.

The cabin was occupied at the time of the theft by the owner of the articles, Mr. G. A. Blaas.

Mr. Blaas, however, was asleep in his bunk. The thief entered the cabin without waking the sleeping man, and coolly gathered his loot.

Police arrested him in the city after receiving information that the suit had been pawned.

The watch and spectacles, together with the pawn ticket, were recovered from Ip's pocket.

He appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning and was charged with larceny and illegal pawning. He received concurrent sentences of three and one months' imprisonment.

It was discovered after his arrest that Ip had been previously deported from the Colony. He was sentenced to a further nine months' hard labour for a breach of his deportation order.

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

## LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 30.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May 8.12/12	8.05/05	
July 7.03/03	7.45/05	
Oct. 7.00/05	7.55/05	
Dec. 7.55/05	7.52/05	
Jan. 7.59/05	7.53/05	
Mar. 7.07/05	7.01/05	
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New York Rubber

	Opening	Closing
May 10.02/05	15.00/87	
Sept. 16.05/05	15.07/87	
Dec. 10.05/12	15.07/89	
To-day's Sales—1,240 tons		

Chicago Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May 67 1/2/05	68 1/2	
July 67 1/2/05	67 1/2	
Sept. 67 1/2/05	67 1/2	

Wednesday's Sales—

3,487,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	Opening	Closing
May 47 1/2/05	47 1/2	
July 49 1/2/05	49 1/2	
Sept. 50 1/2/05	50 1/2	

Winnipeg Wheat

	Opening	Closing
May 60 1/2/05	60 1/2	
July 61 1/2/05	61 1/2	
Sept. 62 1/2/05	62 1/2	

Wednesday's Sales—

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**MARRIAGE**

WHITTINGTON — SCRIVEN. On December 7, 1938, at Caxton Hall, London, Charles Cones Whittington of Nigeria, British West Africa, to Jessie Francis Scriven, (nee Stokes), of Hong Kong and London.

**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

Wyndham St., Hongkong  
Phone 26615  
March 31, 1939

**Spain's Last Phase**

THE LAST mighty act of the Spanish drama is over.

The curtain falls on Republican Spain. Almost without the firing of a shot Madrid, Valencia and other great cities have been occupied.

The last three months of war have not disgraced the Republicans. But it has convinced them that their cause, however bravely upheld, had no chance against overwhelming material odds.

To-day, General Franco is Spain's master. He alone can spare Spain further agony—the agony of reprisals.

It is General Franco, too, who can lay to rest the uneasiness that is still felt in Europe regarding his country. He knows that one of the essential preliminaries to confidence is to send his foreign supporters out of the country.

He "intimated" to the British Government that he will request the withdrawal of all foreign volunteers...immediately after the war has passed its decisive phase."

He cannot but adjudge that to have arrived now, or to be at hand.

There is no reason for doubting that Italy, General Franco's chief backer, will be unwilling for her legionaries to return home.

When Mr. Chamberlain was in Rome, Signor Mussolini renewed his assurances that Italy had "no territorial or political aims," and desired "no privileged economic position" in Spain.

The Italian auxiliaries can no longer be maintained in war-torn Spain on the plea that France is helping the Republicans.

The whole world will feel relief at the proclamation ending the war that has lasted almost a thousand days.

But it will feel far greater relief when it knows that Italy's troops have returned to their own country, and Spain is again her own master.

So long as the Italians now remain there will be danger to the peace of western Europe.

Neither Britain nor France can allow them to remain.

**The Hand that Rocks the Cradle Rules the World**

**But what if the Cradle is Empty?**

Britain's cradles have been getting more and more empty for the past 60 years. And no one is able to give a satisfactory explanation for this fact or devise a practical solution.

YOUNG men and women, of course, still look yearningly into each other's eyes, hold hands, fall in love, get married—but the cradle industry continues to sink deeper and deeper into its slump.

Families of one or two children are the average, and the normal seven or eight of Victorian days is looked upon as unusual.

Yet all the time the business of being a mother is being made both safer and easier for women, and a thousand times less painful than a century ago, when the patriotic mammas of Britain were automatically replacing the population every year.

When I think of the beautiful and childless young wife who told me the other day that "Having a baby is such a bore!" I am apt to blame her attitude.

But the real blame belongs to a mysterious biological phenomenon which has swept across Europe (carefully avoiding Russia) like a Pied Piper with all the storks behind him—a phenomenon only partially connected with what is euphemistically called Birth Control, but is more accurately prevention.

Now Britain is going to add this problem to all the other problems which it still has left to solve.

THEY are faced with the fact that by 1976 the population of Great Britain will—if the birth-rate stops falling and remains at its present level—have sunk from 46 millions to 33 millions.

"A very good thing too," said a man looking over my shoulder as I wrote the above paragraph. "We're over-populated, and that's why we've got so many unemployed."

Unfortunately it doesn't work out that way at all. I can give you a lot of figures to prove this somewhat obvious fact, but they are rather boring, and what I really want to write about is the way the Government intend to fill the cradles of the nation.

They have precedents to work on.

About the only consoling feature of the birth-rate problem is that France, Germany, Italy, and the United States are all in the same boat with us.

Italy and Germany—being what they are—have attempted several ingenious ways of dictating to nature.

Whether you can bully the stork into getting back to its work is a question best answered by seeing what Messrs. Mussolini and Hitler have accomplished.

MUSSOLINI, himself father of five with all the benefit of Italy's babies—By Order campaign in this birth-rate business, for children, preached the beauties of birth control as a young man.

She wanted more children for her own reasons that population.

But he chucked that doctrine away with his Communism.

In 1927 he told Italy that its cradles would have to be filled and filled a good deal more quickly if Italy was going to be a really great Power.

Upon which, bachelors were immediately penalised in blunt fashion; their income tax was doubled, and the money thus obtained was distributed to deserving mothers.

A sort of Santa Claus atmosphere pervaded the whole marriage association, from the honeymoon and holiday trips to Rome all the way down to pats on the heads for little children at the hands of Fascist dignitaries—and even the Duco himself.

And what happened?

During the first six months of 1938 there were actually 9,000 fewer babies born than during the previous six months!

Puzzled out for yourself, for you are as likely to be as right as the leading economists and biological experts.

But I confess to thinking that there is something rather whimsical about all the unborn little toddlers cocking a snoot at Mussolini's imperative demands.

Well, the birthrate in Italy continues to fall; let's cross the Alps and see what Adolf Hitler's baby experts have accomplished.



"And now the Government are going to add this problem to all the other problems which they still have left to solve."

**WANTED:  
A Hundred  
Thousand  
Mothers**

THE German newspapers were first flooded with articles enticing young women to get married and do their duty.

"The German woman must not only be healthy and strong," ran one article, "but must be willing to give her life for the Fatherland on the bed of childbirth just as our soldiers do on the battlefield."

There were more attractive propositions, too; you could read about "Why Genuses Always Spring From Large Families," and articles on "Why The Happiest Mothers Are Those with BIG Families."

Every time a baby was born in Berlin the bell in the Doenhoff Square was rung and lucky mothers could have medals pinned to their breasts, testifying to their loyalty to the Fuehrer and the Reich. Tax reductions, lower railway fares, bureaucratic appointments for virile fathers were also featured in this scheme to enrich the nation with hundreds of thousands of new-born yellows.

Lovers were encouraged by 600 mark loans to put their mutual affection to practical purpose, more than 160 million marks being set aside each year for this worthy purpose.

The whole business seemed as fool-proof as the Hindenburg Line.

And what happened?

Marriages (the Germans being an obedient race) leaped up 200,000 in two years; births increased by 180,000 in the same period. But the balance is not adjusted, and if the rate does not continue to increase Germany's 66,000,000 will have sunk to well below 50,000,000 by 1976.

France has for so long complained its falling birth-rate that it has become Europe's horrid example.

The French do not take kindly to belabouring propaganda, but they might be encouraged to know that their rate is not falling off half as rapidly as our own in this country, where we have dropped from 22 babies per 1,000 of population to 14 since the war.

But now it's going to be our turn to regiment the nursery.

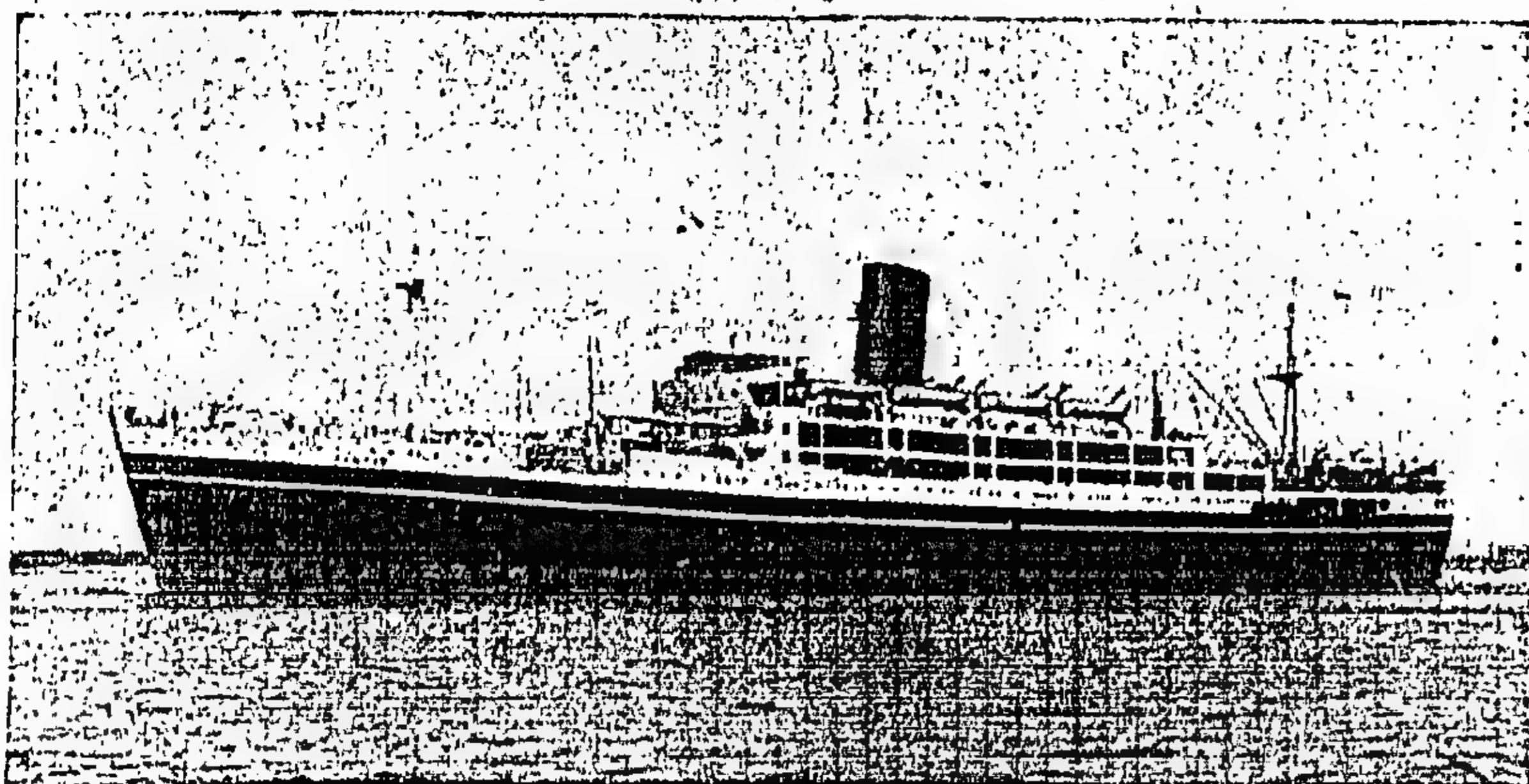
From the Italian and German experiments there emerges for (Continued on Page 11)

**GRIN AND BEAR IT** By Lichy



"Are you a parent, too, or just an authority?"

**Fog-bound outside Hongkong harbour since dawn this morning, a procession of liners commenced to feel their way into Hongkong harbour shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. They included the Messageries liner *Marechal Joffre*, which were damaged in a collision 130 miles north of Hongkong yesterday morning.**



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## FOG-BOUND LINERS CREEP INTO PORT

A BIG question mark was placed besides the movements of all ships in Hongkong waters this morning.

## SECRET MEETING OF THE CABINET

LONDON, Mar. 30. SURPRISE WAS caused by the unexpected holding of a Cabinet meeting to-day, which is believed to have been decided upon following the Prime Minister's dinner to Their Majesties last night.

At the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting, Ministers who have been more closely concerned with foreign affairs remained behind for further discussion.

Complete secrecy is maintained regarding the subject of to-day's meeting of the Cabinet writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

There is good reason to believe, however, that the Government remains determined to maintain and develop its efforts to prevent further aggression, and that in the last 48 hours governmental opinion has considerably hardened, especially through the nature of reports from abroad.

**Speculation**  
In view of the prevailing secrecy, many reports are circulating about the form any action might take, but such reports must be regarded as speculation.

In the meantime, consultations in the various capitals, particularly in London and Paris are proceeding.

The Polish Ambassador was among callers at the Foreign Office to-day and he had a conversation there after the Cabinet meeting.

It also reported that a full programme of official conversations and social events has been arranged for Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, who arrives in London on April 3.

The official programme terminates on April 6, when Colonel Beck may go back to Poland if circumstances require. Otherwise he will extend the visit over the Easter holidays—Reuter.

### Conscription

LONDON, Mar. 30. Questions relating to defence were addressed to the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day.

Asked if he had finally ruled out the possibility of universal service, Mr. Chamberlain replied, amidst laughter that "nothing is final in this world."

Replying to Commander Fletcher, the Premier said that the matter of stimulating recruitment for the regular army was under consideration. Commander Fletcher could rest assured that every aspect of the present situation had been, and was being kept under review by the committee for imperial defence.

Mr. Chamberlain replied "No sir," when asked by Mr. G. le M. Mander if he would consider the advisability of taking immediate action in conjunction with the dominions and friendly States to withhold from Germany materials possessed by them which were essential to German rearmament.

The Premier announced a foreign affairs debate for Monday and added that he was unable to announce the length of the Easter adjournment to—

### Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

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English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 5.

day as would normally have been announced.—Reuter.

### POLISH SITUATION REVIEWED

London, Mar. 30. "Reuter's" Lobby correspondent writes to-day that the Cabinet meeting specially reviewed information relating to Poland.

It is gathered that the information did not prove altogether conclusive, and it is hoped that the visit of Colonel Beck may serve to clarify the position.

At the same time, the Ministers were known to be unanimous and determined on an anti-aggression declaration.

Any delay in its issue, can be taken as being due particularly to the close consultations with France which are necessary before the final draft can be issued.

An important statement is expected to be made in the House of Commons to-morrow morning.

Meanwhile the absence of any opposition query after questions to-day gives measure of the hardening Parliamentary opinion which was apparent to-night.

All parties wish the Government to make its declaration as soon as possible, and none desires to hamper in the preparatory task.

The building of a motor road through the Corridor would be difficult and expensive and would give excellent opportunities for smuggling, it is suggested.

With Herr Hitler in Bavaria, Dr. Goebbels at Rhodes, Field-Marshal Goering in Italy and Herr Funk busy with the Reichstag, no important Cabinet meetings or secret councils are likely to be held here.

The papers continue to give no clue to official opinion on the Government's intentions with regard to Poland.—Reuter.

### THE CREW

The Sea Dragon left Hongkong under Captain John W. Welch and with the following crew: First mate, John B. Flagg; engineer, Henry von Fehren; licensed radio operator, George J. Petrick; chief cook, James N. Sillig; seaman, Richard Halliburton, Ralph Granmid, A.B., Paul Mooney, Robert H. Chase, George E. Barstow, Velmon E. Fletcher; and four Chinese, Sun Fook, Kao Chu, Wang Ching-huo, Liu Ah-shu.

Those who were originally signed on included John Rust, Potter, Gordon E. Torrey, and John L. Davis, of the United States, and Patrick Kelly, of Hongkong, who remained in Hongkong.

## Anti-British Propaganda

### Japanese Work In North China

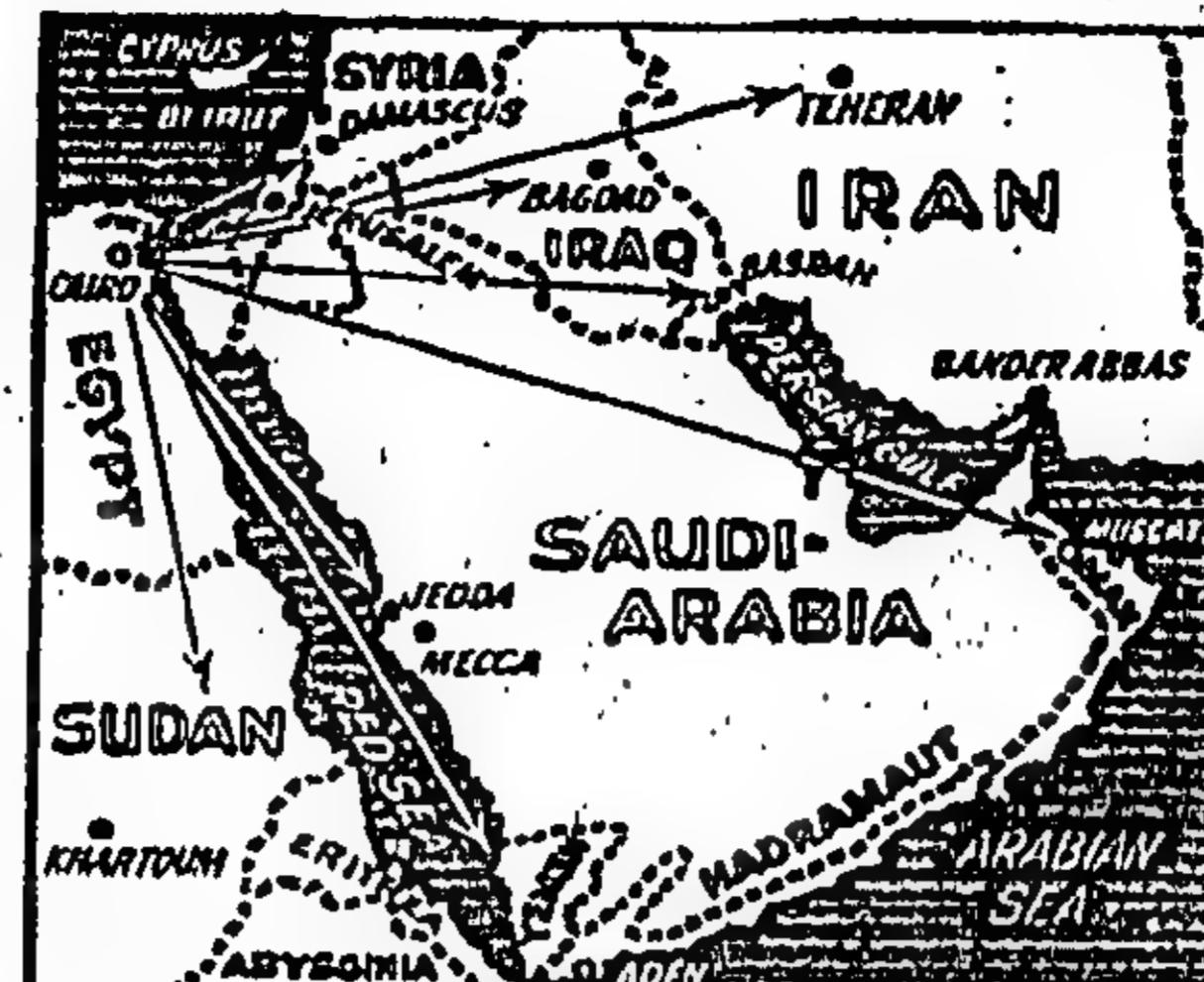
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THE arrows in the map indicate how, with Cairo as a centre, Nazi propaganda activity radiates throughout the Near East. Since, under the Anglo-Italian Agreement, Italy's intensive propaganda campaign has been relaxed, German activity has been extended.

## TO-DAY'S NEWS MAP



### WAR AFTERMATH

## MARTIAL LAW IN MADRID

British Warship Takes Off Italians

MADRID, Mar. 30. THE NEWLY appointed Military Governor Espinosa de los Monteros to-day declared martial law, thereby placing Madrid under the same administration as the remainder of Nationalist Spain.

He has ordered everyone to surrender their arms.

The Nationalists have marched on all the key cities in Republican Spain. It is reported they have captured thousands of prisoners, including the southern army which alone numbers 60,000. The entire Republican General Staff at Tremedure has surrendered.

The Burgos radio to-day announced that Colonel Besteiro has been placed in custody in Valencia.—United Press.

### Fog Lifts

While over a thousand passengers were sitting down to their tiffins aboard the miniature armada, however, the fog began to lift.

Shortly after 2 p.m. the ships commenced to enter the harbour. Among them were the Canton and Marechal Joffre, both of which proceeded directly to dock.

### Making Water

The Canton is still making water from the holes in her side, resulting from yesterday's collision, but her pumps are adequately coping with the situation.

### Chitral Unloading

At 10 o'clock this morning the derricks of the P. & O. liner Chitral were swung loose and cargo loaded in Europe and here began to pour out of the holds.

This does not mean that the decision to turn the Chitral about because of the Canton's trouble and send her back has been definitely made, but it indicates that the P. & O. is resigned to such action.

When, because of the fog, the damaged Canton could not enter port this morning the departure of the Chitral for Shanghai was further delayed from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some of the passengers were advised not to count on her departure before 5 p.m.

The P. & O. has decided that one of its ships must leave on Sunday, probably at noon, for England.

The work of clearing the Chitral of her Shanghai cargo has been started so that half the work will be done if she should have to ship the Canton's Europe-bound cargo.

The passengers have not yet begun to pack, but they are aware that they may have to do so at any moment,

### Anchored Off Waglan

The Canton and the Messageries Maritimes liner Marechal Joffre both anchored off Waglan all morning. They are two of a group of several ships which were fog-bound there.

The Conte Verde is among the number; otherwise some of the Chitral's passengers may have seized the opportunity of her scheduled departure for Shanghai to-day to transfer to her.

The Marechal Joffre went straight to Taku Dockyard. Before the Canton is taken to Kowloon Dockyard she may pull in alongside the Chitral to permit the quickest and most convenient possible transfer of passengers and cargo.

### Damage In Valencia

Valencia, Mar. 30. Examination of the damage caused in Valencia since the outbreak of hostilities shows that great devastation was wrought in the district adjoining the harbour by the Nationalist air raids, whereas in the interior of the city, wilful and meaningless destruction was carried out by the Republicans.

All the churches were set on fire and several were completely destroyed, after being plundered.

Of the 10th century cathedral, only the outer walls are still standing.

St. Joan's Church, which attracted many thousands of visitors every year, anxious to see its famous frescoes and pictures, has been partially burnt down, as have the churches of St. Catherine and St. Andrew, both

## Canada. Plans A £1,000,000 Base

TORONTO, Mar. 30. CANADA'S current defence estimates are the highest since the great war, totalling £12,500,000.

The air estimate is more than doubled to £6,000,000. Eighty-three warplanes are to be added to the Royal Canadian Air Force and new air bases constructed on both the Pacific coast and in the St. Lawrence River zone.

The Canadian Navy is to be increased to four destroyers in the Pacific and two in the Atlantic.

A million pounds will be spent on improving the naval base at Esquimalt, British Columbia.

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## Aryanisation In Germany

### Berlin Jewish Firms Out Of Business

BERLIN, Mar. 30. NO LESS than 565 formerly Jewish-owned enterprises have been aryanized in Berlin since May, 1938, police headquarters announced to-day.

This number includes 338 small firms (of a value up to 30,000 reichsmarks) which were sold at a total price of 5,000,000 reichsmarks, 120 middle-sized shops for 5,400,000 reichsmarks, and 117 large enterprises, sold for more than 40,000,000 reichsmarks.—Trans-Ocean.

### Valencia Entered

VALENCIA, Mar. 30. Spanish Nationalist troops entered the city at 11 a.m. to-day.

Their Commander, Colonel Aranda, held a full hour's parade from the balcony of the Town Hall while señoritas clad in wild regional costumes and lace mantillas, tossed flowers on the Town Hall steps.

### U.S. INVESTIGATIONS

Washington, Mar. 30. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives has called on the former U.S. Ambassador to Spain to give a secret report regarding the possibility of Spain becoming a satellite of Germany and Italy.

Investigations reveal that during the first months of the civil war, upwards of 30,000 persons were murdered by the Republicans, including all officers of the garrison stationed there. The overwhelming majority of the murders were committed by the so-called "Iron Columns," consisting mainly of convicts released for this purpose.—Trans-Ocean.

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## Queen Mary Better

LONDON, Mar. 30.—It was stated at Marlborough House, to-day, that Queen Mary, who has been suffering from a cold, is better.—British Wire.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Viscount Halifax had seen reports of such propaganda, but he had not yet received official confirmation.—Reuter.

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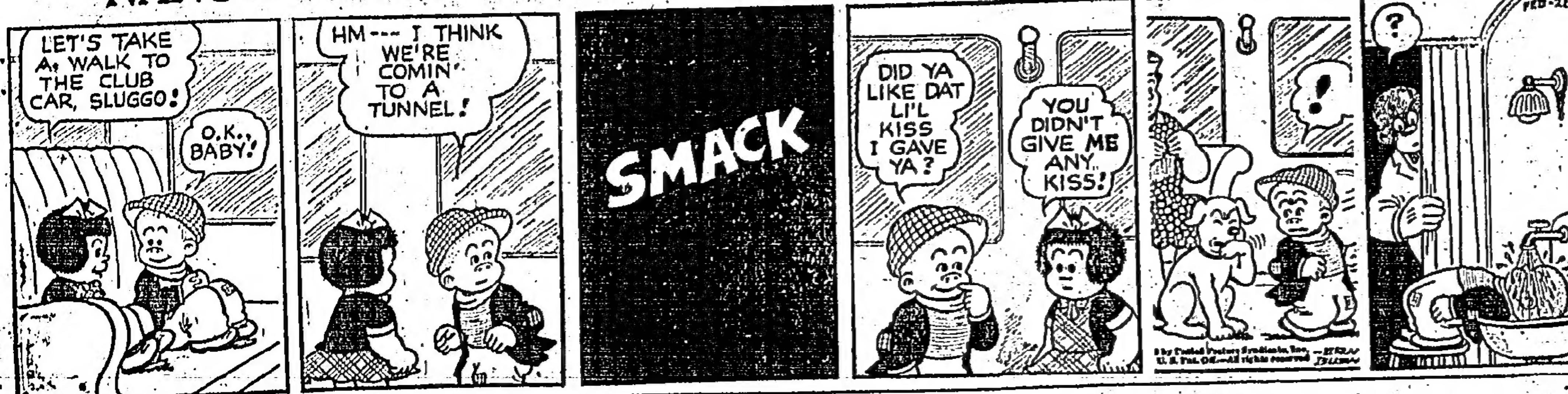


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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Tennis League Players To Be Registered Decision Reached At Annual Meeting Of Hongkong Association

Two important resolutions were carried unanimously at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association in the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, yesterday evening.

They were:  
1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee, consisting of the Officers of the Association i.e. the President, the Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, and of four other members.

This regulation will displace Regulation 4 (a) of the Association's regulations.

2. "Four players must be registered for each team in every Division except the lowest ("D" Division), at least one week before the commencement of the League (May 16). The four registered players shall not be allowed to play in any lower Division than that for which they are registered in the same season."

This regulation will be known as Rule 7 of the New Rules (Lengten).

His Honour, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, President, said that there was little to comment on in the annual report. The Association had on the whole enjoyed an uneventful year, but one not without interest.

The wonderful success of Chinese Recreation Club, who won every Division except "D", deserved the highest credit. In the "A", "B", "C" and Mixed Doubles Divisions they won every match played and won 23½ sets against only 3½ by their various opponents. This, the President said, was a record for which they can be justly proud and on which we most heartily congratulate them.

But congratulations are also due to K.T.G.C.A., who won "D" Division without losing a match and were runners up in the "C" Division, being only two points behind the winners. "By and large, I think the standard of lawn tennis in the Colony is improving as more and more of the younger generation come into the limelight, and here the League and Colony Championships help considerably."

It is a great handicap, however, to those who have reached the top of the tree that they have so little opportunity of meeting and being beaten by better players. Once a local player knows himself good enough to beat any other local player, it is almost inevitable that his game, so far from improving, will begin to deteriorate.

"Exhibition games in which foreign visitors such as Von Cramm and Heinkel, in 1937, and last year the four young Americans, who took part, provide more valuable object lessons, especially as to the possibilities of the serve—a weapon which is too much neglected in Hongkong—but the visits of these players are too fleeting, and too few and far between, to be able to raise our standard very high."

### FAR EAST TOURNEY

"Here too the enterprise of the Luiwa Tennis Federation of Cochin-China in organising the annual Championships of the Far East is most welcome."

"We were very glad at the year-end to be able to accept their invitation to their first tournament, but, unfortunately, the band of three who were able to secure leave and make the trip did not include a Tsui or a Rumjahn."

"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Federation most gratefully for their courtesy in inviting our participation and for their entertainment of our players. We hope to send down a more fully representative team next year."

"Turning to the working account, there is practically nothing for comment. Our income just covered our expenses, in which the only item of interest is the cost of the passages of our three players to Saigon at the year end—\$195. On the asset side of the balance sheet we show \$100 as due for the Federation of Cochinchina in respect of the return passages of the same players, and this sum has since been paid."

### 1939 OFFICERS

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—His Honour Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, for the 10th year in succession.

Vice-President—Mr. M. W. Lo, in place of Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, who is leaving the Colony next month.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. T. A. Pearce, in place of Mr. C. J. Tacchi, who is at home on long leave.

## Starting Times Announced Golf At Fanling This Week-End

The following are the starting times at Fanling:

SATURDAY  
Old Course  
2.00 Eng. Cdr. Holt. Surg. Lt. Cdr. Davis.  
2.04 Eng. Goldsway, R. J. K. Walker.  
2.07 C. C. Black, I. H. Geare.  
2.08 E. C. Morris, L. Landsberg.  
2.10 W. C. Farnham, J. Kelly.

SUNDAY  
Old Course

9.16 H. K. Valentine, L. M. S. Lloyd.

2.00 T. J. Fenwick, A. S. Adamson.

2.24 J. L. C. Penney, D. Huntley.

2.27 J. L. Lush, G. Smith.

2.30 A. H. Dowdell, I. H. Geare.

2.32 W. W. C. Shewan, A. McKellar.

2.35 P. S. Delany, E. T. McAllister.

2.38 F. D. Shirley, L. B. Cramer.

2.40 F. A. Redmond, A. D. Purves.

2.42 W. A. Simmey, D. Edward.

2.45 D. F. Pearson, G. D. Simons.

2.48 M. M. Pearson, R. H. Gregory.

2.50 J. S. Dunnett, F. A. M. Elliott.

2.53 J. Hall, I. H. C. Highet.

2.56 W. C. Farnham, W. J. Kelly.

2.58 K. S. Robertson, C. B. Robertson.

3.04 J. Jackson, J. Forbes.

3.06 Col. G. H. Laidlow.

3.12 Nicol W. Woodward.

3.14 R. Harrison, G. Carruthers.

3.16 J. Linker, H. J. D. Lowe.

3.18 J. Stebbins, G. C. Worrall.

3.20 J. Stebbins-Carr, C. D. N. Walker.

3.22 N. K. Littlejohn, T. Low.

3.24 Brig. Gen. Taylor, Johnstone.

3.28 W. S. Hillier, A. J. Dennis.

3.32 New Course.

3.34 H. N. & G. A. Macfadyen.

3.36 H. & Mrs. Overy.

3.38 F. D. Winter, Miss Grayburn.

3.40 Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Woodward.

3.42 V. H. & Mrs. Gordon.

3.28 Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Dennis.

"Unsuccessful in ballot for Old Course."

## Clipper Crosses Atlantic

London, Mar. 30.—The Yankee Clipper, which left the Azores this morning, arrived here at 4:12 p.m.

The Clipper is on a survey flight across the South Atlantic and is bound for Southampton—Reuters.

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OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7)

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# Time to buy your new spring face...

Unless you live up to, which means make up to, the Colours which Nature, to say nothing of the dreammakers, is hatching day by day, spring is half wasted on you. The new dressmakers' colours are lovely—but only if you know how to make up to them.

**BEIGE AND STONE** are starred for spring, but they are difficult to wear. Test powders until you find one that looks like the bloom on a pale side of a peach. Your rouge must be the clear red of a ripe apple, your lipstic matching. A blue-black or green-blue mascara will look better than the sophistication of black, a grey, blue, or green eye shadow fresher than more exotic colours.

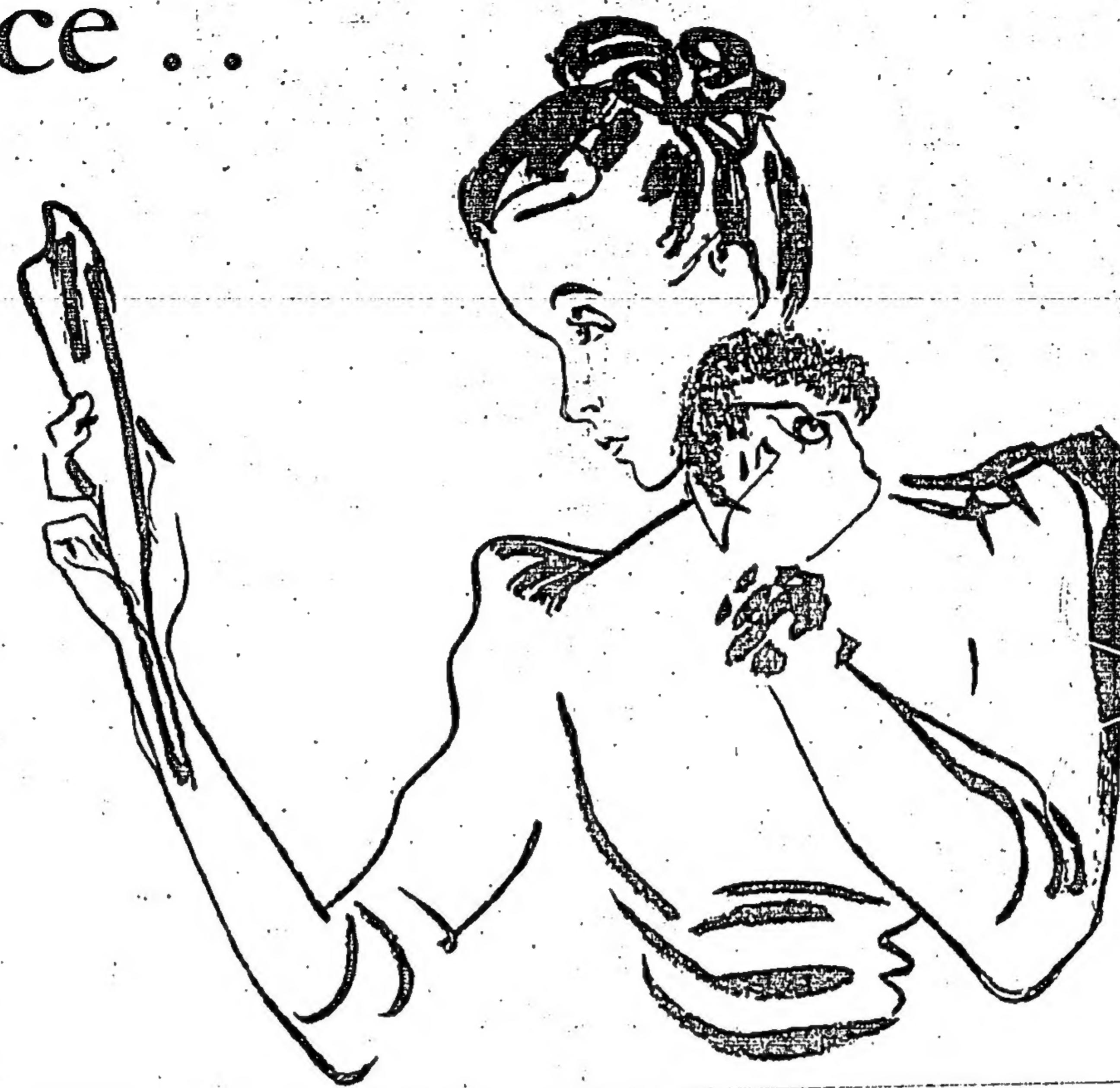
**PINKS AND PURPLES** are still with us, but you want a warmer, more robust look in spring sunshine. Buy a darker pink and mix it with your winter shade. Your lipstic must be softer in tone, rosier than the winter cyclamen; your rouge must have less mauve in it. Blue mascara and eye shadow is more gentle to eyes tired after late winter nights than mauve.

**YELLOW** is high fashion, but hard on the complexion. A pink look is unbecoming, but not worse than a jaundiced effect. You want a powder the shade of a peeled banana. Lipstic and rouge must be that pure soft pomegranate colour. Eye make-up must be clear and young-looking—mascara and eye shadow a fresh green or blue.

**GREENY-YELLOWS** are important this season. Make-up should be rather like that for yellow, but rouge and lipstic should be lighter, with just a hint of orange.

**BLACK OR NAVY** in spring wants careful make-up. Powder have no tinge of yellow, but the skin must look warm. The best thing, for average skins, is a first coat of pale pink powder with a dusting of warmer peach on top. Lipstic and rouge must be brilliant with neither orange nor blue undertones. Dark blue mascara is younger than black.

**PASTELS AND WHITE** will be in soon. Nothing looks worse than a sophisticated maquillage with ingenuo colours. Let your powder be a clear pale peach, your lipstic and rouge a clear rose. Be sparing with eye make-up; pale green or blue is best.



## Thoughtlessly Destructive Children

WHY are the boys of seven and upwards so thoughtlessly destructive?

The advent of new boys in school means that I must keep my eyes open, otherwise much school property will be damaged.

These boys come from good homes. They are well fed and clothed, and have no vices, but many of them are utterly careless when dealing with my property or their own personal belongings. They have to be constantly reminded to hang their clothes in the proper place; to tie their shoe-laces properly, and to take care of books, pens, pencils, and other school requisites.

When a small boy in the sick room was lent an illustrated copy of "Peter Pan" he tore out all the full page pictures, folded them in a variety of shapes and put them in the pocket of his dressing gown.

When I saw Bill, aged eight, digging holes in the tennis lawn with the heel of his shoe, I asked—"What would your mother say if I did the same thing to her lawn?" he answered—"She'd be very angry." But he had no respect for my property. Not till later.

### Disregard for Others Property

A boarder of only a few months went to his dormitory, opened the window in a gale, and allowed it to blow off its hinges. The same thoughtless fellow sits with his feet on the staves of the chairs, wipes his sticky fingers under the seat of the chair or table, scrapes his feet on the linoleum or carpet, and being one of those children who must touch and handle things damages them in the process. His latest exploit was to use the cork mat in the bathroom as a sledge until he broke it in half.

I have flower borders round the school playing field. Some boys show little love for flower borders, plants, or flowers, and trample over them.

There is at the moment a large hole in the entrance hall wall. This was caused by a boy who amused himself in swinging the door and banging the key into the wall. He told me he did not mean to do it. Another new boy, in his first term, managed to smash

But Parents Are  
To Blame

By A SCHOOLMASTER

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